

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING FREDNA MAHAFFEY

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Fredna Mahaffey.

Fredna Barton Mahaffey was born on July 18, 1929, in Highland Park (Dallas), Texas. After graduating from Highland Park High School, she attended SMU where she became a member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority. After transferring to the University of Wisconsin in Madison she graduated with a BA in Spanish while also becoming President of the local Pi Beta Phi chapter.

In 1953, Fredna was very blessed to have gone on an afternoon blind date where she met her future husband John B. Mahaffey of Springfield, Missouri. Their date was to a football game between two arch rivals, the Texas Longhorns and the Oklahoma Sooners. 'Freddie' as John called her had another date with another suitor scheduled for that evening but she was so taken with John she cancelled the later date. John and Fredna got married October 29, 1954, in Dallas. After their nuptials Fredna moved to Springfield in southwest Missouri. Their children, Robert and Beth, grew up with the political commitment of their parents.

Fredna campaigned for Richard Nixon in 1960 and took her daughter to a Nixon rally at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds. Throughout the 1964 presidential campaign, her children remember that she wore a gold elephant pin with black horn-rimmed glasses in support of Barry Goldwater. I didn't wear an elephant pin but 1964 was the first campaign I worked on as a nine year old in Springfield. I would ride my bicycle all over the neighborhood nailing 'Goldwater For President' placards to telephone poles. Fredna's father was a physician who had the first EKG machine in Dallas, and after he read "A Texan Looks at Lyndon" published in March 1964 he shared it with Fredna.

In the mid-1960's, she worked tirelessly for then-State Senator Jack Curtis' re-election, whose district lines had changed to include the whole of Greene County. Their phone bank was 3 rotary-dial telephones in the basement of Jack and Helen Curtis' home in Springfield with volunteers fueled by Helen's delicious brownies.

Fredna was a Greene County, Missouri, GOP Committeewoman and local political organizer for many years, back in the day when all her voter records were on handwritten index cards.

Fredna and John were instrumental in Southwest Missouri in the Republicans rise in Missouri including the election of Jack Danforth to Attorney General in 1968, Kit Bond as State Auditor in 1970, and Kit Bond for Governor in 1972. Over the past 50 years, Fredna supported numerous Federal, state and local candidates and GOP party committees' fundraising campaigns. In 2000 and 2004, Fredna

supported John's efforts as a major national fundraiser for former President George W. Bush. She and John opened their homes on Catalpa and in Highland Springs and hosted or sponsored gatherings for former President George H.W. Bush, former Vice President Dan Quayle, former President George W. Bush, Lynne Cheney, Senator Roy Blunt, Senator Josh Hawley, Governor Mike Parson, Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft, Congresswomen Ann Wagner and Vicky Hartzler, former Senators Jack Danforth, Kit Bond and Jim Talent, and former Lt. Governor Peter Kinder.

In our recently completed election cycle, Fredna, at 93 years old continued to support Republican candidates including myself for Senate along with Eric Schmitt for Senate, Eric Burleson for Congress in Missouri—07 and Erik Aadlund in Colorado—07 (whose father is the former Commanding General at Fort Leonard Wood). Her heart and head has not wavered from the mission of liberty, smaller government and free enterprise instilled in her many years before.

Fredna had 58 years together with John, including in the political arena, until his passing in August 2013. She supported his more than 3 decades of service as a Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army under 5 U.S. Presidents, traveling the world in support of the U.S. Army. The John Mahaffey Museum Complex at Fort Leonard Wood is a testimony to their joint faithfulness to our soldiers, as is their establishing the Operation Promises scholarship at Missouri State University for veterans who were injured in combat after September 11, 2001.

Fredna is most importantly a lifelong Christian, a strong believer in Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and a faithful member and supporter of First and Calvary Presbyterian Church in Springfield.

Madam Speaker, Fredna has dedicated her life to so many great causes near to her heart, and I am proud to honor her today.

RECOGNIZING VIRGINIA "GINNY" BURROUGHS ON HER 102ND BIRTHDAY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent from my district, Virginia Jewell Rogers Burroughs. Ginny was born on December 19, 1920. As we celebrate her 102 years of life, we think of all the memories and stories that she has and continues to share as a citizen of this great country. Ginny was born and raised in the Trenton, New Jersey area, spending much of her adult life in Pennington, New Jersey. She is a mother and was the devoted wife of her husband, Robert Burroughs who was the CEO and Owner of the Trenton Folding Box Company. Ginny raised 4 children and

is the grandmother to 9 grandchildren and multiple great-grandchildren. Ginny would often split her time between Pennington, New Jersey and Naples, Florida until she retired at Holland Village where she actively engages in the community beyond bingo and canasta. Ginny is a supportive voice in the Holland Village Community and continues to care for others by making sure they have their meals and welcomes visitors to her dining room table. Now as she has turned 102 years young, I am proud to recognize and celebrate Virginia Jewell Rogers Burroughs as an exceptional citizen from my district. We are incredibly grateful for the positive impact Ginny has had throughout her life and the countless people she has touched through her kindness, and we wish Ginny countless blessings as she continues to be a voice for her community.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF GARY YANDURA

HON. LUCY MCBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MCBATH. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize the retirement of Gary Yandura, Chief Emeritus of the Brookhaven Police Department. For 40 years, Chief Emeritus Yandura has served with distinction as a law enforcement officer and a leader in community policing.

Chief Emeritus Yandura began his career in policing in Lake Forest, Illinois, where he served for 24 years before retiring as deputy chief. Here in Georgia, he served as chief of police in Hiram and College Park. In College Park, he was credited with reducing crime by 30 percent during his first four years as police chief. Following a nationwide search, he was appointed the first chief of police for the newly incorporated city of Brookhaven in April of 2013. For the last decade, Chief Emeritus Yandura has put Brookhaven on the map as one of the most innovative and forward-thinking police departments in the country.

During Chief Emeritus Yandura's tenure, he has made significant contributions in law enforcement, criminal justice, and mental health. Through initiatives like the Brookhaven Police Transparency Project, the Mental Health Co-Responder Program, and the innovative use of drones in police work, Brookhaven's Police Department has put an emphasis on prioritizing safety and building trust in the community. Because of these initiatives, the Brookhaven Police Department is routinely invited by law enforcement agencies from across the country to share their work so that more communities in America can benefit from the wisdom of the standards and practices that have been fostered by Chief Emeritus Yandura.

Over the last 4 years, I have been honored to work in partnership with Chief Emeritus Yandura as I have represented the City of

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Brookhaven. He and his department have gone above and beyond the call of duty in service to the residents of Brookhaven. While his presence will be sorely missed, I know his legacy will live on through the programs he has developed and implemented through the years. On behalf of my office and the United States House of Representatives, I wish Chief Yandura all the best in his retirement and thank him once again for his decades of outstanding service to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTURE OF
THE HONORABLE CAROLE
GROOM FROM THE SAN MATEO
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPER-
VISORS

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my good friend and colleague Carole Groom as she departs the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors after 13 years of service. The people of San Mateo County are losing a champion of children, healthcare, economic justice, and the environment.

Carole began her public service career on the City of San Mateo's public works and planning commissions. She was appointed to the city council in 2000 and won election to a full four-year term in 2001. She twice served as Mayor. Carole and her colleagues skillfully guided the Bay Meadows development through public reviews and controversy, and the result is a spectacular 83 acres of mixed-use development adjacent to a major rail station. It hosts 1,250 residential units and 1.25 million square feet of office space. She also supported the overlapping Rail Corridor Specific Plan that covered the area from Hillsdale Boulevard to the old Kmart site. That plan produced hundreds of new housing units, retail and office buildings at the old Kmart shopping center, serving as a regional example to emulate. As an avid booster of downtown San Mateo, she coined the saying, "If you can't find it in San Mateo, you don't need it." This remains an unofficial slogan of the city.

Carole was appointed to the Board of Supervisors in 2009 and formed the first board with women in the majority. She won a full four-year term in 2010. These were the darkest days of the housing recession. In her first comments as a member, she noted that she wanted to continue her work on the county's budget deficit and universal health coverage. Carole's priorities also included protecting parks and open space.

In 2009, she launched "Active San Mateo County" which convened an annual Fall conference exploring health and wellbeing, and that planned an annual countywide event, "Streets Alive! Parks Alive!" The county's parks and recreation directors recognized her with their "Champion of the Community" award in 2012.

Perhaps Carole's signature effort to boost economic justice in San Mateo County came through an innovative program known as "The Big Lift." It was a big lift to consider a countywide program to increase the percentage of third graders reading at grade level from 58 percent to 80 percent, but Carole, her board

colleagues and the county's superintendent of education took on the task. Key interventions included access to preschool, inspiring summer experiences, reducing chronic absenteeism, and increasing family engagement from preschool to third grade. The pandemic struck a blow to this noble effort, but it continues and undoubtedly paid off for thousands of children from 2013 to 2020 when classes were greatly disrupted.

Peninsula Clean Energy was the brainchild of Supervisors Pine and Groom. This countywide energy aggregator buys clean, renewable energy on the market and sells it to most businesses and households at 5 percent below the rates of our local utility. We all search for ways to reduce the cost of living and to improve the environment. The two Supervisors found a remarkable way to do both, and today the agency has expanded its offerings to include grants for purchases of energy efficient appliances.

Carole has deep roots in the health care system, having served as Vice President of Mills Peninsula Hospital for 18 years. She presently serves on the Board of Directors of the San Mateo County Hospital Board, the governing body for the San Mateo Medical Center. The hospital is a gem, and Carole Groom, as a skillful board member, is one of the finest jewelers in our community.

In addition to her work on the Board of Supervisors, she serves as a member of the California Coastal Commission, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and on the board of our local transit agency, Samtrans. If it thrives on our coast, Carole protects it. If it pollutes the air, Carole opposes it. If it glides on big axels down the El Camino Real and gives essential mobility to the disabled, our working poor and the elderly, Carole celebrates it.

Madam Speaker, we now say goodbye to a woman who everyone welcomes with joy when she walks into a room. We know that her heart was focused on policies that were fair and that protected the most vulnerable. It is said that on a clear day you can see forever. Carole saw the good in people, and her vision built a better life for millions over more than twenty years that she served our community and state. The woman who promoted reading to promote justice is now retiring. San Mateo County owes Supervisor Carole Groom its eternal appreciation. While she will be out of the limelight, Carole will remain in the hearts of all of us.

EXPRESSING THE COMMITMENT
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-
TIVES TO BUILDING ON THE
TWENTY YEARS OF SUCCESS OF
THE GEORGE MCGOVERN-ROBERT
DOLE FOOD FOR EDUCATION
AND CHILD NUTRITION PRO-
GRAM

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 1156, expressing the commitment of the House of Representatives to building on the 20 years of success of the

George McGovern-Robert Dole Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program.

The McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program helps support education, child development and food security in low-income, food-deficit countries around the globe.

In 2017, there were 821 million people worldwide experiencing hunger. That is 1 in every 9 people.

Sixty-six million children are experiencing hunger worldwide every day. One in 6 children are food insecure.

According to UNICEF, approximately 3.1 million children globally die from undernutrition every year. It is estimated that every 10 seconds a child around the globe dies from hunger.

Even in the United States, hunger and food insecurity are major problems. In my home of Houston, almost 725,000 people experience food insecurity, which amounts to about 23 percent of Houston's households.

More than 500,000 Houstonians live in food deserts. These food deserts are found mostly in areas with limited transportation, lack of aid, and high unemployment rates.

Hunger is also tragic because it reflects economic and social inequity. In Houston, for example, food deserts are more likely to occur in primarily Black communities.

Lack of food doesn't just impact a child's hunger levels. Food insecurity stunts a child's growth and development and often children fall behind in school because they are unable to focus while experiencing hunger.

Children who experience food insecurity grow into adults with health complications that emerged from the lack of food.

As former Chair of the Congressional Children's Caucus I worked to improve the lives of children not only in the United States, but globally because the children are the future, and we must do everything possible to protect them.

Global food insecurity is of great importance to me because, not only am I a longtime Member of the House Hunger Caucus, I represent the same Congressional District that had been represented by iconic leaders who fought to end hunger in the U.S. and globally.

I am proud to continue the historic legacy of Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, who was a champion for human dignity and fought for the rights of all people regardless of race, gender, heritage, or economic status, and Congressman Mickey Leland, who worked tirelessly to raise awareness of, and fight for, policies to end food insecurity around the globe and who, tragically, died in a plane crash while working to end world hunger on a relief mission in Ethiopia.

Starvation is a terrible thing. It's something that nobody should have to go through. And yet, there are people in this world who are starving right now as a consequence of natural disasters, war, and even as a tool of warfare.

In Pakistan, food deprivation is compounded by the human toll from recent floods and other natural disasters. Using drought to strategically exacerbate starvation is unacceptable.

The people of Ethiopia's Tigre Province are being subjected to a truly vile and malicious use of food deprivation in this way. The region was already suffering from drought, and when compounded by forced starvation from denial of access to food as a weapon of war, the effect is heinous and the consequences are unforgivable.

Russia's aggression against Ukraine is a global food insecurity tragedy on multiple levels. As Putin wages his war against the people of Ukraine, he uses food as a weapon by destroying the food production and transportation capacity of the country he invaded. At the same time, since Ukraine grows grains and crops that feed much of the world, Putin's devastation of Ukraine's food production infrastructure and takeovers of Ukrainian food exports cause food insecure populations of countless countries to suffer, especially in Africa.

The McGovern-Dole program also aims to defeat malnutrition. Children across the globe are affected by malnutrition and the McGovern Dole program is working to combat this debilitating condition.

The McGovern-Dole Program has been successful at saving lives all over the world for 20 years.

This program boosts school enrollment, increases attendance, and improves reading outcomes and literacy results through providing school meals, teacher training, and government capacity-building.

The McGovern-Dole Program has been able to improve health, nutrition, and dietary practices through supporting Maternal and Child Nutrition (MCN). The program encourages the inclusion of health and nutrition sensitive activities, such as micronutrient-fortified products, take-home rations, treatments for illnesses, and nutrition education.

H. Res. 1156 must be passed. With bipartisan Congressional support, the United States has been able to work with other countries on hunger, specifically childhood hunger, which is a devastating condition.

It is imperative that we continue to work together to reduce hunger worldwide.

We must end this unnecessary suffering before it claims even more lives.

This bill must be important to us all. Investing in children today will only benefit the world in the future.

We must continue this program to address global food insecurity and create conditions for peace and stability.

This effort will support U.S. farmers, millers, shippers, and commodity groups that provide agricultural commodities for the program to help combat malnutrition and food insecurity worldwide.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting this critical bill that will build upon the 20 years of success of the George McGovern-Robert Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program.

HONORING DR. DEEPAK BANSAL

HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. SUOZZI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Deepak Bansal. Dr. Deepak Bansal is a dedicated and respected community activist and leader who is well-known for his charitable endeavors. He has always maintained a close relationship with the local community and is very passionate about giving back to it. After completing his dream of a Masters in Philosophy and a Doctorate in Metallurgy at the prestigious University of

Kurukshetra India, he migrated to the United States 25 years ago. He is currently a Real Estate Associate Broker and is always willing to help new immigrants of the South Asian community in achieving their goals. He has a significant following in the South Asian community, which includes people of Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, and Bangladeshi origin.

As the current President of the United States chapter of the Human Rights Commission of India, Dr. Bansal has the utmost respect for the families of the first responders who gave their lives protecting our freedom to enjoy our life. Dr. Bansal is the president of the Indo-American Association for Change (IAAC), an organization supporting and serving the families of firefighters and our law enforcement community. Dr. Bansal was the president of the India Day Parade 2021 and has continued to work for the organization. Dr. Bansal volunteers each year with Toys for Tots, an organization where U.S. Marines collect and distribute toys to children for holiday celebrations. Dr. Bansal has organized seminars on the environment, education, and health awareness. He is always standing with the vulnerable to protect their rights for justice. Dr. Bansal's community service has won him numerous citations, proclamations, and honors from elected civic leaders around New York State. Dr. Bansal is a loving and respected man who is always ready to serve the community. He recently was honored by Ram Dass Athawale, the Minister for Social Justice of India.

While studying, Dr. Bansal also did social work, which he continues to do to this day in the United States. He is the Vice-chair of Friends for Good Health, an International Organization devoted to helping people around the world with preventive care at no cost to those in need. His position at the organization spearheads a food drive every year. Dr. Deepak Bansal always says he is happy to serve the community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FIRST SERGEANT WALLACE GREEN, JR.

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of First Sergeant Wallace Green, Jr.

Mr. Green joined the United States Marine Corps on January 10, 1947 and served for 22 years until August 31, 1968. During the Korea Conflict he served from May 1952 to June 1953 with B Co. 1st Bn. 1st Mar. Div as a section leader in the Machine gun Platoon. FMF Rein. On July 7, 1953, he married the love of his life, Mildred Simpson. In March 1965, he served in Vietnam with C Co. 1st Bn. 3rd MAR. 3RD Mar. Div. as 1st platoon leader.

After his service in Vietnam, he was assigned to 2nd Marine Air Wing as a counselor for those confined in the Base Brig. Once he was promoted to the rank of First Sergeant, he was reassigned as the Non-Commissioned Officers School, First Sergeant. Then in April of 1967 he received orders to O.C.S. Basic School as the First Sergeant of Company E in Quantico, Va. At the end of the training period, he stayed at MCB Quantico as the First Ser-

geant. of Hq. Co. Service Bn. until his retirement in August of 1968.

Upon retirement, Mr. Green joined the Postal Service as a clerk and enrolled into Tidewater Community College's Portsmouth, Virginia Campus. After graduating, he transferred to Old Dominion University and received a B.S. in Elementary Education and Special Education. Soon after, in February of 1974, Norfolk Public School hired him as teacher. He later attended the University of George Washington, where he received a Master of Art Degree in Education in 1978. In 1991 he received a Master of Divinity Degree from Richmond Virginia Seminary, and in 1995 he retired from the Norfolk Public Schools after 21 years of faithful service to his community.

Mr. Green was a devoted Christian and served as a bible school teacher at his church for many years. Mr. Green considered his son, Kendall Green, as one of his greatest achievements in life.

A Montford Point Marine, Mr. Green became one of the first Black Marines in the country, putting his life on the line during a time of immense racial strife, division, and war. He received the Congressional Gold Medal when Montford Point Marines were awarded the honor in 2012.

Mr. Green is an American hero. His selflessness, perseverance, and commitment to serving others will continue to inspire generations across the country. The United States and Coastal Virginia are better off because of First Sergeant Green, and we will miss him dearly.

HONORING JP SELL AND DIVERSIFIED FREEDOM FOR DISABILITIES/FISH TALES

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor JP Sell and Diversified Freedom for Disabilities/Fish Tales.

Diversified Freedom for Disabilities/Fish Tales is a Not-for-Profit Organization founded in 2011 by JP Sell, located in Missouri that specializes in working with veterans and children with severe disabilities. This organization develops equipment so that these persons with disabilities may enjoy the Great Outdoors, in fishing, hunting, and trail adventures. Through the years DFD/Fish Tales has developed special programs such as Fishing Dreams for Veterans, Anglers for Life, and the National Youth Fishing Association. Today their efforts are developing a Handicap Recreation Park for veterans and children with disabilities and a Special Indoor Facility for activities and mental health rehabilitation. DFD/Fish Tales has helped well over 50,000 veterans and children with disabilities enjoy the Great Outdoors and has helped structure many other Not-for-Profit organizations develop programs so they may extend their outreaches to help others.

Madam Speaker, Diversified Freedom for Disabilities/Fish Tales is an incredible organization doing incredible work. As an avid bass fisherman myself, I know the joy that being out on the water can bring, and DFD/Fish Tales has been bringing that joy to those who might otherwise miss out. The annual Fishing

Dreams Event on Table Rock Lake, which I have been proud to take part in as Congressman for Missouri's 7th District, is but one of many great programs they host to help veterans and children with disabilities. In 2021 at Fishing Dreams we took 107 veterans fishing including two that were over 100 years old. When I pull up at this annual event, JP Sell is one of the first faces I see and always with a big bright smile ready to volunteer for the day.

HONORING CURT G.
HOLLINGSWORTH

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today, as the first Bahamian American elected to Congress, to honor and welcome Curt G. Hollingsworth as the newly appointed Consul General of the Bahamas in Miami.

Consul General Hollingsworth migrated to Miami when he was young, and he is a product of the Miami-Dade County Public School System. He graduated from Miami Carol City High School, and he received his Associates of Arts degree from Miami Dade Community College. He went on to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in Educational Psychology from Cambridge University.

A native of West End Grand Bahama, Consul General Hollingsworth is a seasoned educator with nearly four decades of experience as a teacher, track and field and basketball coach, mentor, and administrator. He is known in the Marco City community as an activist with a mission towards the advancement of young people.

Mr. Hollingsworth has had the love and support of his caring wife, Caroline Hollingsworth, for more than 45 years. They are the proud parents of 5 children; 4 sons and 1 daughter.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the Honorable Curt G. Hollingsworth as he returns to Miami as the Consul General of Bahamas.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN PETER
DEFAZIO

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. BONAMICI Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the incredible service of the Dean of the Oregon delegation, Chairman PETER DEFAZIO. PETER has been a fighter and champion for the people of SW Oregon for nearly three decades. Like me, PETER grew up outside of Oregon but fell in love with the state and made it his home. PETER and I also share an alma mater—the University of Oregon. PETER has been fortunate to represent the campus for his tenure in Congress, helping to secure the success of the University for past and future generations.

PETER's district is home to some of the most beautiful natural treasures in the country, and he has spent his career fighting for the restoration and preservation of these wild spaces. He has also been one of the most committed

Congressional champions for animal rights and has personally rescued and cared for many animals. As Chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, PETER has worked diligently to invest in infrastructure and in our people. Whether he's fighting to keep us safe with oversight of corporations, support for the U.S. Coast Guard, or by strengthening our roads and bridges, he puts people first. This is also reflected in the countless good-paying jobs he helped create with numerous infrastructure laws that center labor and the needs of working people.

As a co-founder of the Congressional Progressive Caucus (CPC), PETER made fighting for progressive and populist policies the foundation of his work. Even as he experienced political shifts and challenges, PETER never wavered from his core values. There is no other voice in Congress quite like PETER's; he says what he means and does what he says he'll do. His persistence in aviation safety led to a successful documentary film—and importantly to industry changes and standards that will keep the flying public safer for years to come.

Like many of us, I know PETER would not have been able to accomplish so much for his constituents over so many years without his dedicated staff in both Washington, D.C. and Oregon, and the support of his wife, Mymie Daut. I would like to add my thanks for their years of service and sacrifice. I congratulate my good friend and colleague on a well-deserved retirement and wish him the very best in his next chapter.

HONORING BRYAN MAGERS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bryan Magers.

William Bryan Magers was born on June 15, 1947, in Springfield, Missouri. After graduating from Glendale High School, Bryan attended the University of Missouri. He served in the United States Army, and after completing military service he entered the world of real estate, joining 8 other realtors to form House of Brokers.

He started Bryan Properties in 1985 with the purchase of a house just west of Missouri State University. He began to build duplexes and single-family homes for rent, and by 1989 he was creating apartment communities. Bryan Properties really hit its stride in the 21st century: the company built University Suites, a 72-bed residential development at Drury University. It was awarded Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design-Platinum status by the U.S. Green Building Council; and it changed the face of student housing at Missouri State University by creating Bear Village, a 660-bed student community that features a variety of floor plans, all-inclusive billing, and premier amenities. That growth continues unabated. Today, the company has a diversified portfolio of market-based apartments, student housing, single-family homes and duplexes, hotels, and restaurants. Bryan Properties also offers comprehensive management services, delivered by its staff of dedicated long-term employees. This year, Bryan deliv-

ered the first public-private partnership in Missouri State University history, a 400-bed residence hall with parking, constructed on less than one acre of land. Heitz Hall also features retail space and a unified dining center.

Bryan Magers has been a success for nearly a half-century because he believes in improving the quality of life for people in his hometown, and giving back to his native Ozarks. Bryan is a philanthropist with myriad causes close to his heart. He is a generous patron to the arts community, with donations to Springfield Little Theatre and the Springfield Symphony. He supports Missouri State University's athletic programs. His donations have created a new courtyard at the welcome center to Missouri State University. He also spearheaded the drive that created the Magers Family Health and Wellness Center, the state-of-the-art medical home for the Missouri State community.

Bryan has served as president and board member for the Greater Springfield Apartment & Housing Association, the Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Missouri State University Foundation and the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame. Bryan was honored with the Philanthropist of the Year award in 2016 from the Ozarks chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. In 2022, Bryan Properties received the Founders Award from the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame. Bryan's only failure in life was as a Little League Umpire. You see he called many of my games and I never agreed with any of his calls.

Madam Speaker, it is clear that Bryan Magers has a big heart. Ask anyone who knows him. He is a mentor, a motivator, an inspiration, and a benefactor. I am proud to call him my friend, and to honor him today.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND RETIREMENT OF
RICHARD OBERMANN

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a valued staff member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Richard "Dick" Obermann, who is retiring this month after 33 years of service to the House of Representatives.

Dick Obermann began his career in the House in 1990, as the Science Advisor for the Space Subcommittee on the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. He was well qualified for the position, holding both a M.S.E. in Aeronautics and Astronautics from Stanford and a B.S.E. and Ph.D. in Aerospace and Mechanical Sciences from Princeton University. Before working at the Committee, Dick worked on the technical staff at the MITRE Corporation and as a senior program officer at the National Research Council. Dick worked on space policy issues for his entire 33 years on the Committee, and he is generally regarded as one of the foremost space policy experts in the United States.

I was elected to Congress in 1992, and I began my service on the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology in that same year. I have known Dick Obermann for 30 years. During my time on the Committee, I

have always known Dick to be a consummate professional with an exacting attention to detail and a passion for ensuring the success of America's space program. When I took over as the Ranking Democrat on the Committee, my first action was to name Dick the Chief of Staff. In the ensuing 12 years as my Chief of Staff, Dick guided the Committee staff through many successes, culminating in the passage this year of the CHIPS and Science Act, the largest and most comprehensive legislation in the Committee's history.

After three decades of service, I am happy that Dick will have some well-deserved time for rest and relaxation. I know he will appreciate having more time to spend with his beloved wife, Grace and his two children Pearl and John. But I also know that Dick is not one to hold still for too long, and I'm sure he will have success in any of his future endeavors.

We often speak of the dedicated staff who make this institution such a wonderful place in which to work. Dick Obermann is just such a person. His decades of public service have made this institution a better place. His efforts as a space policy professional were instrumental in ensuring the many successes of our nation's space program. But most of all, his sound counsel and friendship have made my time in Congress all the better. I thank Dick for his many years of dedicated and loyal service.

HONORING PHILIP DAVIS

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today, as the first Bahamian American elected to Congress, to honor and welcome Philip Davis the newly elected Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of the Bahamas.

Philip Edward "Brave" Davis was born on June 7, 1951, in Nassau, Bahamas, the oldest of eight children born to Dorothy and Brave Edward Davis. Mr. Davis received his primary education at the Old Bight All Age School on Cat Island while living with his grandparents. After returning to Nassau, he went on to receive an education at the Eastern Junior & Senior Schools, and at St. John's College in New Providence.

Prime Minister Davis is perhaps best known now as a politician, serving as Leader of the Progressive Liberal Party, and Member of Parliament for Cat Island, Rum Cay and San Salvador. However, he entered politics late in life. Professionally, he is known both locally and internationally as an acclaimed Corporate and Human Rights lawyer, a highly distinguished legal educator, a passionate sportsperson, a sponsor of many sporting activities, and a Toastmaster.

After a brief stint in banking, he articulated as a Law Clerk in the Law Chambers of Wallace Whitfield & Barnwell. His appointment as Queen's Counsel, the highest possible honor which is conferred on those practicing law in the English legal system anywhere in the world, came in recognition of both his highly successful legal practice, but also his contribution to legal education. A leading litigation lawyer, Philip "Brave" Davis has an impressive record in the Courts of Appeal, with perhaps more appearances before the UK Privy Council than any other Bahamian lawyer.

A former Member of the Council of Legal Education for CARICOM, he has made an unprecedented contribution to legal education in the Caribbean region. Mr. Davis twice served as Vice-President of the Bar Council before becoming President of the Bahamas Bar Association in 1995. Since 2002, he has been Managing Partner of the law firm which bears his name: Davis & Co.

In 1970 Mr. Davis became a Member of Toastmaster Club 1600, a nonprofit organization established to develop leadership skills through listening, thinking, and speaking. He served as its President in 1979, and as Division Governor of Toastmasters for The Bahamas in 1989. A keen sportsman interested in baseball, softball, swimming, and athletics. Mr. Davis served as Vice-President of the Bahamas Swim Federation from 1986 to 1990 and was President of the Sea Bees Swim Club from 1980 to 1990.

Mr. Davis has the love and support of his caring wife, Ann-Marie Davis. They have six children who have inherited their father's passion for sports, hard work and patriotism, which led them to represent the Bahamas at the Caribbean Free Trade Association (CARIFTA) Games.

During the last administration of the Progressive Liberal Party, from 2012 to 2017, Mr. Davis ran a super-ministry, the Ministry of Works. His portfolio covered everything relating to the physical infrastructure of The Bahamas, as well as oversight of Bahamasair, BEC, and the Water & Sewerage Corporation. Since May 2017, he has been Leader of the Progressive Liberal Party. On September 16th, he was elected the fifth Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, where he also serves as Minister of Finance.

HONORING GORDON KINNE

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Gordon Kinne.

Gordon is a lifelong Missourian, having been born in Hamilton, Mo. on August 23, 1952, and raised on his family's farm. He graduated from Hamilton High School in 1970 and then came to Springfield to attend what is now Missouri State University—an institution with which he has enjoyed a lifelong relationship. Gordon to this day continues his connection with Missouri State. He's served as chair of the their Foundation's Board of Trustees. He also has been a board member and past president of the Missouri State University Alumni Association, and past co-chairman of the Bears Fund, as well as an active supporter of Bears athletic programs. He earned his bachelor's degree before entering the field of insurance.

In 1984, Kinne founded the third party administrator and full-service employee benefits brokerage firm MedPay, Inc., a company for which he still owns and serves as its president today. With nearly 50 employees, MedPay is one of the largest independently owned third party administrators in Missouri, partnering with a diverse mix of employers from both the private and public sector for both fully-insured and self-insured benefit plans. Its clients in-

clude large regional employers, small businesses, municipalities, school districts and institutions of higher education. He is past President for the Board of Directors of the national association of third-party administrators, the Society of Professional Benefit Administrators, which works to build best practices for the self-insured industry, and serves as a resource to the various federal departments that regulate the employee benefits industry.

In addition, Kinne has served a number of Springfield business and civic organizations, including serving as chairman of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, chairman of the Springfield Business Development Corporation, the Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau and currently serves on the Springfield Good Government Committee. Gordon received the prestigious Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce 2019 Springfieldian award which is given each year to an individual who exemplifies outstanding community service and dedication to improving the quality of life for Springfield and its citizens.

Gordon also serves as Missouri's National Committeeman to the Republican National Committee and is a former chairman of the 7th District Congressional Republican Committee. Gordon has a great passion for politics giving of his time and financially contributing to various political candidates.

Kinne has a strong passion for helping charitable organizations. He has offered his time and energy to a number of organizations in the Springfield area, including the Ozark Empire Fair, the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, the Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks, Lake Country Soccer and the Council of Churches of the Ozarks. He also financially supports numerous other local charities.

Gordon is a lifelong Christian and faithful member and supporter of Schweitzer Church in Springfield.

Gordon and his wife, Laura have been married 41 years and reside in Springfield, Missouri. Their oldest son, Marshall, and his wife, Winter, also live in Springfield with their son, Walker, and granddaughter Kate. Gordon's younger son, Mason, and his wife, Jamie, reside in Chandler, AZ.

Madam Speaker, it is clear that Gordon Kinne has dedicated his adult life to his community and many causes dear to his heart. I commend his work and wish him all the best.

RECOGNIZING THE EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP OF ADMIRAL BENJAMIN NICHOLSON

HON. MICHAEL F. Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Admiral Benjamin Nicholson for his outstanding leadership as Commander of Joint Region Marianas. In June of 2021, Admiral Nicholson was sworn in as Commander of Joint Region Marianas tasked with fortifying American freedom and democracy in his work to achieve Indo-Pacific Command objectives while strengthening Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, the Republic of Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia. With unwavering focus

on the mission of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, Admiral Nicholson goes above and beyond the call of duty with his attention to the communities he serves, actively engaging local leadership and stakeholders to ensure the welfare of the general public.

Admiral Nicholson's commitment to our Armed Services military began in the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering in 1993. He continued to build his foundation earning his master's degree in Systems Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School and a master's degree in National Security from the Naval War College. His background spans numerous command positions and numerous deployments around the world during his seagoing career.

Admiral Nicholson has further served in combat tours in Helmand, Afghanistan, and the Provincial Reconstruction Team and Forward Operating Base in Farah, Afghanistan. He also served in numerous ashore joint and staff billets including executive assistant to the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Assistant Deputy Director Middle East Directorate in the Joint Staff; Special Operations Support Team to the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and head of the professional development section in the Chief of Naval Operations staff. His military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy Achievement Medal (three awards), Combat Action Ribbon, and various campaign and unit awards. He is also a 2015 recipient of the FBI's Director's Award.

As a first on Guam, Admiral Nicholson led unclassified briefings to multiple local leadership stakeholders on threats facing the island and region, engaging local Mayors, Senators, and Administration officials with unparalleled transparency that has served to build awareness of, confidence in, and partnership with the objectives of the Department of Defense.

The need to defend the territory of Guam from potential military threats is not limited to military establishments under Admiral Nicholson's leadership. Recent efforts to secure missile defense systems for the territory are taking a 360-degree focus to protect the entirety of the island, civilian and military alike, reassuring front-line Americans that they are protected, and reinforcing our safety and suitability to our critical visitor industry.

The food security and supply chain resilience for the region is strengthened in his work with our office to explore the feasibility of leasing Department of Defense lands for cattle grazing operations, further serving to advance local economic growth and diversification in a community that currently relies on over 90 percent of imported products.

With the island in the midst of a housing crisis due to labor shortages, material costs, and the tyranny of distance relative to American job and resource markets, Admiral Nicholson takes a mindful and creative approach in encouraging greater housing inventory to mitigate the civilian housing market impact of substantial military personnel relocation, and the subsequent growth of military housing needs.

Admiral Nicholson regularly and openly engages to address Veteran, Gold Star Family, and military dependent needs for access to

amenities located within military facilities, deftly navigating the complexities of a community seeking greater access to military support in balance with the needs of mission viability.

Poignantly, Admiral Nicholson continues to be an avid partner in addressing critical healthcare needs throughout the island and region, providing guidance and solutions as the territory navigates the largest investment in its history to establish a modern healthcare facility to meet modern day healthcare needs throughout Micronesia and beyond.

The service to the country in the work of Admiral Nicholson is nothing short of exemplary, not only in his ability to effectively lead and manage the military front lines of America in the Indo-Pacific, but to do so in a manner that reflects unprecedented mindfulness of the holistic value in building, maintaining, and reinforcing community confidence and support critical to mission success.

Madam Speaker, the Department of Defense and the Department of the Navy are well served and represented by the command talent of Admiral Benjamin Nicholson who is a builder of allies, communities, and constituencies. I extend my gratitude to the Admiral for his invaluable service to our Nation and I commend him for his commitment to community engagement, civilian well-being, and his mission as Commander of Joint Region Marianas.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF CHRISTOPHER HALL

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Christopher (Chris) Hall and his service to Virginia's First District and the Nation.

Chris earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science & Government from Hampden-Sydney College. During his time there, he was a member of their baseball team and the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. After graduating from Hampden-Sydney College, he earned his Juris Doctor from Elon University School of Law. As a law student, he served as a Law Clerk on the 15th Judicial Circuit Court.

After graduating from law school, Chris served as a Law Clerk for LobbyIt and as Legislative Counsel for the Keelen Group, LLC.

Chris joined my office as a Legislative Assistant in December 2018, eventually working his way up to become my Senior Counsel. He contributed tremendously to my work on the House Committee on Natural Resources, expanding broadband to underserved communities, improving transportation infrastructure, and more. His work has been invaluable.

I would like to thank Chris for his contributions and dedicated service over the last four years. He has been a key member of my legislative team and staff, and I wish him all the best as he continues his journey here in the Capitol as the Legislative Director for Congressman Thomas Kean.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Chris Hall for his service to Virginia's First District and the Nation. May God bless Chris as he continues his career in public service.

HONORING ROBERT LOW

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Low, the founder of Prime, Inc.

Robert Low founded Prime, Inc. in Urbana, Missouri in 1970 and in 1980 moved its corporate headquarters to Springfield, Missouri. Today, Prime, Inc. is a leader in Refrigerated, Flatbed, Tanker, Floral, and Intermodal transportation with fifteen locations throughout the United States. Prime Inc. is the largest refrigerated trucking company in North America.

Prime transports a variety of goods throughout the contiguous United States, Canada and Mexico. With a fleet of 7,816 tractors, 10,726 refrigerated trailers, 1,284 flatbed trailers, 620 tank trailers, and 2,041 Intermodal trailers, Prime's gross revenues were \$2.4 billion with an 85.7 percent operating ratio in the fiscal year of 2021. Prime has approximately 12,000 driver and non-driver associates and has been recognized as one of the Top 20 Best Fleets to Drive For by Carrier's Edge/TCA for 8 years straight.

Robert has been Vice President At-Large, an Executive Committee member and a member of the Board of Directors of the American Trucking Association. He is also a past Chairman of the Truckload Carriers Association as well as a member of the Board of Directors. In 2000 he received the prestigious "Missourian" Award. This honor is given to citizens of the State of Missouri that have outstanding achievements in the fields of business, government or the arts. He was a finalist for the National Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year and recipient of the Springfield Business Journal Lifetime Achievement Award. Robert has also served on the Board of Directors of Bethel University in McKenzie, Tennessee.

Robert and his wife, Lawana, also own the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center in Springfield, Missouri as well as the Palace Casino Resort and the Preserve Golf Club in Biloxi, Mississippi. The Lows reside on a 330-acre horse farm called Primatara that is in North Springfield, Missouri where they raise thoroughbred racehorses. Two, of which, have made it to the Kentucky Derby in recent years.

Madam Speaker, since 1970, Robert Low has successfully managed a trucking company with operations all across North America, and that is no easy feat. I wish to congratulate him on all of his success, and wish him all the best.

HONORING MICHAEL FINNEY

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael A. Finney, the first Black President & CEO of the Miami-Dade Beacon Council. He is newly inducted into 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project and is the recipient of the 2022 5000 Role Models of Excellence Martin L. King, Jr. Breaking the Glass Ceiling Award.

Mr. Finney guides the official economic development partnership for Miami-Dade County

focusing on job creation and economic growth. This is the first time that an African American has had the top role in championing the county's effort to market itself as a world class business destination. Mr. Finney has led the organization since 2017. The Miami-Dade Beacon Council serves as the official economic development organization for Miami-Dade County. The not-for-profit public-private partnership focuses on job creation and economic growth. Since 1985, the organization has assisted more than 1,200 businesses that have created more than 74,000 jobs and added more than \$6.7 billion in new capital investments. It accomplishes this by marketing Miami-Dade as a world-class business location, growing local companies and entrepreneurs and shaping the local economy's future. The Council engages local, national, and international audiences when facilitating business growth and expansion.

Prior to his current role, Mr. Finney served as president and chief executive officer for Community Ventures Resources Inc. in Ann Arbor, Michigan, served as senior adviser for economic growth for the State of Michigan's Governor Rick Snyder and as president and chief executive officer of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Mr. Finney is a member of the boards of directors of the Miami Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, Saginaw Valley State University Foundation, and the Florida Memorial University's Social Justice Institute Advisory Board.

He received his Bachelor of Business Administration from Saginaw Valley State University and an MA in human resources from Central Michigan University.

FLOOD LEVEL OBSERVATION, OPERATIONS AND DECISION SUPPORT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the bipartisan, bicameral FLOODS Act led by Senator Wicker. Flooding is the most common natural hazard in the United States, resulting in the greatest number of lives lost and property damaged. We passed the tenth anniversary of Superstorm Sandy about one month ago. That storm was a harbinger of the future as we have seen many storms with record-breaking extreme precipitation that has led to flooding events, from Hurricane Harvey in my home state of Texas, to the more recent Hurricane Ida. The need to better prepare our communities for potential catastrophic flooding is now more crucial than ever.

The FLOODS Act directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish a National Integrated Flood Information System that will inform and provide timely decision-making in the face of flooding events and coordinate and integrate flood research at NOAA. The bill would also designate a service coordination hydrologist at each National

Weather Service River Forecast Center, and it requires NOAA to leverage existing work through intra-agency and external partnerships to improve impact decision support systems, as well as regularly update Atlas 14 precipitation frequency estimates.

It cannot be overstated how urgent the need for this basic work is for informing products such as updated FEMA flood maps used in flood insurance determinations, designing infrastructure in flood prone areas, and for planning evacuations. I want to thank Representative SHERRILL for her leadership on this legislation and on the issue of addressing the causes and impacts of flooding on Americans across the country.

I urge my colleagues to support its passage.

HONORING NANCY ALLEN

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an individual who has made significant contributions to our justice system, championing the rights of victims; has served as an educator, inspiring thousands of college students; and has created and shared stories as a bestselling author.

My district includes Springfield, Missouri, the home of Nancy Allen, a former Assistant Prosecutor, Assistant Attorney General, Senior Instructor at Missouri State University (Go Bears) and the district's first New York Times bestselling author. I am honored today to recognize the lifelong accomplishments of Nancy Allen, who comes from a long history of Missouri educators and attorneys in a family that is committed to serving the community. She also comes from just 2 doors down from my childhood home. You see Nancy and I were neighborhood kids together growing up in the 1960s.

Nancy is a natural advocate. In 1973, at the age of 16, she appeared before the Springfield School Board to make the case for instituting a girls' competitive sports program in Springfield Public Schools. The Board voted in favor of her proposal that night, and that year, the schools extended athletic opportunities to girls for the first time in SPS history.

She graduated from Missouri State University with an English Education degree in 1978 and received her Law Degree from the University of Missouri in 1980. She was a trailblazer for women in the legal profession, returning to Springfield in 1981 to practice law in Southwest Missouri. Nancy joined the Greene County Prosecutor's Office as the only woman on staff and tried over 30 jury trials.

After marrying Randall Allen and starting a family, she became an Assistant Attorney General for our great state, serving for 9 years as a champion for victims of consumer fraud.

In 2005, Nancy became an instructor at Missouri State University, teaching law classes in the College of Business. With over 900 students per year, she received awards for teaching and garnered the highest student evaluations. Though she retired in 2020, her relationships with former students remain strong. In 2021, she served as the officiant of 2 former students' wedding and performed the ceremony.

While teaching at Missouri State University, Nancy picked up the pen and began her career as a novelist, a goal she pursued with tremendous determination. In 2014, *The Code of the Hills* was released, the first legal thriller in her 4-book Ozarks Mystery Series published by Harper Collins. The series, which examines social issues as well as crimes against women and children, has been optioned by a major network.

During this period of publishing success, she also became a co-author with James Patterson. Their first collaboration, *Juror #3*, became an instant #1 New York Times bestseller in 2018. Their next book, *The Jailhouse Lawyer*, became a #2 New York Times bestseller. Their next novel will be released in 2024.

In addition, she teamed up with a film production company to author the Anonymous Justice series for Grand Central Publishing. *Renegade* came out in 2022, and *Payback* will be released in 2023.

Nancy Allen's career illustrates a commitment to service, and also provides a true example of how hard work and determination can propel a talented constituent from my District into the New York City publishing spotlight.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank Nancy Allen for her many contributions to our District and Nation.

HONORING DR. RUDOLPH MOISE

HON. FEDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Rudolph Moise as he expands his practice to include Comprehensive Medical Aesthetics in Miami, Florida.

Dr. Moise was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. As a tenacious 17-year old, he migrated to the United States, and he received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine before obtaining a federal medical grant to train for four years at a Miami clinic that served Haitian refugees. Dr. Moise's thirst for knowledge coupled with his passion for service inspired to continue this great work.

In 1985, he began his private practice in a small storefront in North Miami, which eventually became Comprehensive Health Center, his current medical practice. His passion for learning and dedication to his community led him to earn a law degree and MBA. Dr. Moise never practiced law, but the knowledge he gained assists him to navigate the legal aspect of medicine. His desire to give back to America led him to become a flight surgeon in the Air Force Reserve where he served for 21 years and earned the rank of Colonel, the highest ranking American of Haitian descent to hold such a position.

As a native of Haiti, he is an advocate for improving the welfare of his country. In 2003, he was appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush to serve on the Governor's Haiti Advisory Group as part of an effort to advance the economic development and resources in Haiti. Dr. Moise has received numerous leadership accolades over the years, including being named a top finalist for "Best Physician of the Year" by the

South Florida Business Journal. Among his other notable service awards is the 2012 Dorothy Shula Outstanding Volunteerism Award from the United Way of Miami Dade County, as well as the MCCJ Humanitarian of the Year Award. He formerly served as the president of the Dade County Medical Association and chairman of the Jackson Health Foundation.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Dr. Rudolph Moise as he develops his practice to consist of Comprehensive Medical Aesthetics.

HONORING BRIAN J. HYLAND

HON. JOSEPH SEMPOLINSKI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. SEMPOLINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Brian J. Hyland. Brian was an extraordinary, talented, kind, and interesting man and these traits allowed him to touch so many lives in so many different ways.

Brian was a dedicated public servant and worked tirelessly to help his constituents. Appointed to the Chemung County Legislature in 2011, Brian used his decades of business management and life experience, and his unending charm to go above and beyond for his community. There was no job too big or too small for Brian.

Brian was also a teacher and mentor at Tioga Tae Kwon Do, in Waverly, New York, where he used more than sixty years in martial arts to teach hundreds of students how to be the best versions of themselves. He was a businessman, a leader in the community, and above all else, a family man. Brian was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, son, son-in-law, and brother.

His wife Suzanne, was the love of his life, he took immense pride in his six children, he cared deeply for his sister Patricia, and he helped all those around him to succeed.

Brian will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

HONORING NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP ON THEIR TRI-CENTENNIAL

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an incredible municipality within my district on the tri-centennial of its incorporation.

Northampton Township, Bucks County was originally settled by English colonists who came with William Penn on his voyage to Pennsylvania. On December 11, 1722, a petition and a map were presented to the Quarter Sessions Court in Bristol, Pennsylvania to establish a new township on lands lying "between Southampton Township and other lands and Neshaminy Creek." The petition was signed by 21 petitioners. The court took this petition under advisement and on December 14, 1722, in under 5 days, the petition was approved and Northampton Township was born.

They named it Northampton after the county town of Northamptonshire, England.

I believe it is fitting that Congress recognize this milestone as testament to the men and women who recognized the value of self-governance 54 years before our Nation declared independence from an oppressive government. I am extremely grateful for the example and the impact that Northampton Township has had on our community for the past 300 years, and I look forward to the amazing achievements to come in the next 300 years.

HONORING CLIF SMART OF MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Clif Smart, the president of Missouri State University.

Clifton "Clif" M. Smart III has served as the 11th President of Missouri State University since June 27, 2011.

Under Smart's leadership, the university has: set new records in numbers of graduates, graduate employment rates, and overall enrollment; enhanced diversity of faculty, staff, and students; maintained affordability for students; significantly upgraded campus facilities; developed new bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs; achieved a Silver STARS rating from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education; and set records in state appropriations, private gifts, and grant funding.

On top of his work at Missouri State, Smart has served as the President of the Council on Public Higher Education in Missouri, the NCAA Division I Board of Directors, the Mercy Health Springfield Communities Board of Directors, the Board of Directors for the Hawthorn Foundation, and the Board of Directors for Missouri Partnership. He has also served on boards and committees for the Missouri Department of Higher Education, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, CoxHealth, Arc of the Ozarks, Springfield Innovations, Inc., Isabel's House, First Baptist Church, and numerous other professional and community organizations.

Smart has lived in Springfield, Missouri for more than two decades. Before his presidency, Smart served as the university's general counsel. Before coming to Missouri State University, Smart had a private legal practice in Springfield.

Smart and his wife, Gail, have two sons, Murray, who along with his wife, Amy, both graduated in 2012 from Southwest Baptist University and live in Rogers, Arkansas with their daughters Addy, Emery and Miriam and sons Parker and Leeland; and Jim, who recently graduated from Lewis and Clark Law School.

Madam Speaker, since being named Missouri State University's President in 2011, Clif Smart has dedicated himself not only to the university, but also to the Springfield community. I wish him all the best in his continued efforts.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF JULIA BERNATH

HON. LUCY MCBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mrs. MCBATH. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize the retirement of Fulton County Board President Julia Bernath. A board member since 2000, Julia has served Fulton County Schools with distinction for over 2 decades.

Julia is serving her fifth term representing Fulton County School Board District 7. Though she became Board President in 2020, she was no stranger to the role. From 2007 to 2009, she served as school board president and then as vice president from 2009 to 2010 and once again in 2019. In addition to her service on the school board, Julie has served on the Fulton County Schools Employees' Pension Fund Pension Board as both Chair and Vice Chair, and she has also represented the school board on the Fulton Education Foundation's Board of Directors. Outside of her work with Fulton County Schools, she is a deeply engaged member of our community as an active member and past president of the Georgia School Boards Association, a past Vice Chair of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission, and a staff member for the Center for Reform of School Systems. Julia is a past chair of the Sandy Springs Education Force and currently serves on the Board of Directors. She is also an Advisory Committee member of the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education.

Through a global pandemic, Julia navigated unprecedented challenges during her most recent tenure as Board President and worked tirelessly in service to the students of Fulton County Schools. It has been my honor to work with Julia in partnership as we strived to provide every opportunity to our community's young people. On behalf of my office and the United States House of Representatives, I want to thank Julia for her decades of service and offer my congratulations on the occasion of her retirement.

HONORING THE VICTIMS OF CLUB Q NIGHTCLUB SHOOTING

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleagues, Congressman ED PERLMUTTER, Congressman JASON CROW, Congressman JOE NEGUSE, and Congressman DAVID CICILLINE, to honor the victims of the tragic shooting that took place at the Club Q Nightclub in Colorado Springs, Colorado on November 19, 2022.

It has been nearly 1 month since the horrific events that unfolded when a shooter, armed with a semiautomatic assault weapon and high-capacity magazine, entered the popular LGBTQ+ nightclub and opened fire, killing 5 people and injuring at least 22 more.

It was the latest in a growing number of violent attacks targeting the LGBTQ+ community throughout the country, and it led the Department of Homeland Security to issue a new

warning about the growing threat facing the LGBTQ+ community here in the U.S.

Let us be clear: no one in this country should have to live in constant fear of being attacked for who they are or who they love.

No one should have to experience the unimaginable pain and suffering that so many in our community are now feeling in the wake of this senseless attack at Club Q.

Among those killed in the attack was Ashley Paugh, a 35 year old wife and mother of an 11 year old daughter. Ashley was not a member of the LGBTQ+ community but had driven to Colorado Springs to spend time with friends at the popular club and see a comedian who was performing there.

Raymond Vance was 22 years old and was visiting the club for the first time that evening with his longtime girlfriend and her family. Raymond, who had just gotten his first job and was excited to have received his first paycheck, was there to help his girlfriend and her family celebrate the birthday of a longtime friend.

Kelly Loving was a 40 year old transgender woman from Denver who had driven to Colorado Springs for the weekend.

Daniel Aston and Derrick Rump were both bartenders working at the club when the shooting occurred. Daniel, a 28 year old transgender man, had moved to Colorado Springs 2 years earlier to be closer to his mom and dad and started working at the club, which was just a few minutes from his parents' home.

Derrick, who friends say was always full of smiles, found more than just a job at Club Q, he had found a community that he loved and a place where he felt he truly belonged.

Daniel and Derrick were beloved members of the Club Q family, and together they helped create a space that felt safe for so many who visited there.

As we take time to honor the memory of those we lost, we also must honor the bravery and heroism of those whose actions likely prevented even more bloodshed that day.

Retired U.S. Army veteran, Richard Fierro, who was at the club with his family that evening to celebrate the birthday of a friend, and Thomas James, who was performing at the club when the shooting began, have been widely credited for their heroic actions to subdue the shooter and save countless lives.

We owe them and all those who responded to the scene that evening, including local law enforcement, first responders, and civilians, a tremendous debt of gratitude.

We wish all those who were injured in this attack a speedy recovery. And we send our deepest condolences to the families and friends of those who were lost in this horrific attack.

The hate-filled rhetoric that's fueling this rise in violent attacks against the LGBTQ+ community has no place in our society, and neither should the weapons of war being used to carry these awful attacks out.

At some point, we, as a society, have to come together and say, 'enough is enough.'

At some point, we have to realize that the toxic combination of hate and access to guns is resulting in deadly attacks across this country, and the time to end the hate-filled rhetoric that's demonizing the LGBTQ+ community is now.

Every single member of the LGBTQ+ community deserves to live their life openly without

fear of hate and violence. And every person in this country deserves to live a life free of the constant threat of gun violence that we face.

That's why, today, my colleagues and I are introducing a resolution condemning this attack and the growing wave of violence. I'm thankful to the House Equality Caucus, the House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, and a number of organizations that helped us draft this resolution and who are joining us in pushing for its passage.

But, condemning these attacks is not enough. The time to act is now.

We need to get these assault weapons off our streets and ban the sale of these high-capacity magazines today.

Taking these steps will not bring back all those we have lost to gun violence, but it will save others from meeting the same violent fate. This is our resolve as we continue to fight for commonsense gun safety measures.

We send our heartfelt condolences to the loved ones of those we lost at Club Q. They will not be forgotten.

HONORING TOM CARLSON

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the former Mayor of Springfield, Missouri, Tom Carlson.

Tom Carlson was the longest serving mayor in Springfield history, holding the position from 1987 to 1993 and then again from 2001 to 2009. Before that, he served on City Council from 1983 to 1987 and again in 1997 to 2001. In 1989, he was named Distinguished Young Lawyer by the Missouri Bar and was listed in Who's Who in Practicing Attorneys.

Under Carlson's leadership, the city created a citizen-driven visioning process involving 300 citizens which formed a basis for all major policy decisions in the community. The city successfully passed 90 percent of its ballot issues, became involved with an inner-city revitalization project known as Jordan Valley Park, creating a \$100 million construction project which resulted in an indoor ice park, a new convention center, a new minor league baseball stadium, a 900-space parking deck, a \$3 million inner-city park and a \$25 million dollar arena.

Also under Carlson's leadership, the city formed a public-private partnership with the Chamber of Commerce which resulted in over \$200 million investment in an industrial park bringing new manufacturing jobs to Springfield. He sponsored a program that resulted in putting CDBG funds into a revolving loan program so that an annual \$1 million allocation grew to over \$40 million in revolving loan programs for low and moderate income individuals and inner-city revitalization. Once of his proudest accomplishments was the creation of The Mayor's Commission for Children.

Locally, he served on the Board of Governors for Missouri State University, the Springfield Branson Airport Board, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. On a state and national level, he served on the boards of The Missouri Health and Educational Facilities Authority, the Missouri Municipal League and the National League of Cities.

In 2014, Carlson received the Springfieldian of the Year Award from the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, presented to "a citizen who has exemplified outstanding community service, excellence in his or her chosen profession and dedication to improving the quality of life for Springfield and its citizens," according to the Chamber's website.

Most recently, concerned with the dearth of any consistent in-depth public affairs reporting in Springfield, Carlson launched the Springfield Daily Citizen, a not-for-profit online newspaper dedicated to strong local journalism to improve civic engagement, to encourage more efficient government, and bring more accountability among local leaders. The new outlet whose mission is to be a "Catalyst for Good" has partnered with Missouri State University and MSU President Cliff Smart noted that, "by partnering with them, we're investing in a community organization, ensuring progress and standing strong in the principles of our public affairs mission."

The vision of the Springfield Daily Citizen is to reinvent local news in Metro Springfield by telling the stories of our community, bringing issues to light, encouraging discourse and inspiring citizens to take action. Over 8,500 citizens are receiving its daily newsletter and The Daily Citizen has, in less than a year, gained over 1,500 subscribers.

Madam Speaker, Tom Carlson has served his community for decades. Even years after leaving the Mayor's Office, he continues to stay active in local politics, with a strong devotion to the Springfield community and surrounding area.

RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTURE OF THE HONORABLE DON HORSLEY FROM THE SAN MATEO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend and colleague San Mateo County Board President Don Horsley as he departs the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors after 12 years in this phase of his service to the public. His is a remarkable career.

Don graduated with honors from San Francisco State University in 1969. He worked as a juvenile counselor with the San Mateo County Probation Department and as a classroom teacher in middle school. When he decided to become a police officer, one of his earliest jobs was in the City of Pacifica. He subsequently joined the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office and began his patrol work in what would eventually become the City of East Palo Alto.

While in the early phase of his career at the Sheriff's office, Don helped plan and oversee the construction of a new county correctional facility. The new building transformed incarceration in the county, featuring mental health and medical facilities onsite. In the jail, he promoted direct supervision, a practice in which deputies and correctional officers worked directly with detainees. Don's innovative work resulted in a substantial reduction in violence.

Don was elected Sheriff in 1993 in a hard-fought campaign against the status quo. After

his election, he got to work reducing violence in our most vulnerable communities. The new Sheriff pledged a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement taskforce that helped the City of East Palo Alto to dramatically reduce the number of homicides. This support for East Palo Alto continued throughout Don's nearly 14 years as Sheriff.

He later established the Sheriffs Activities League to help kids become successful in school and to keep kids out of gangs. He recruited qualified women and diverse officers into the department and put them into neighborhoods through both patrols and community events.

When Don retired from the Sheriffs office, he ran for the Sequoia Hospital District Board of Trustees. During his service, he advocated for increased funding for the North Fair Oaks Clinic and a community grant program that supported improved healthcare outcomes, particularly for children, throughout the district.

In 2010, Don ran for the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and won. He served three times as Board President. His work has been extraordinary, focused in part on coastal agricultural issues and healthcare.

He is a staunch advocate of thoughtful public safety. He supported the construction of a new county jail facility that allows even more space for mental health and vocational services for detainees.

While all board members support affordable housing, Don and his colleague Warren Slocum were assigned to the Jobs Housing Task force. Thanks to millions in county funding and an influx of federal and state funds during the pandemic, Don and his colleagues purchased five hotels and are presently in construction on a 240 bed navigation center. The objective is to reach functional zero homelessness by the end of 2022. San Mateo County is well on its way to meeting this objective. For example, in October 2022, there were 262 more homeless persons contacted when compared to October 2021. By 2023, the number of interim shelter beds will have increased by 91 percent when compared to 2019. Since October of 2021, 733 formerly homeless persons have been moved into permanent housing. Starting in 2023, \$4 million in county funds will be devoted to paying the rent of those facing evictions.

Don Horsley also serves on the Board of Directors of the Health Plan of San Mateo, a Medi-Cal managed health plan. 150,000+ San Mateo residents have coverage through this locally managed organization. Don's dedication to human dignity is rooted in the basics: health and housing. He is also a staunch advocate for sensible gun violence prevention and recently led the effort to fund county positions to remove guns from the homes of those otherwise prohibited by law from owning weapons.

Madam Speaker, Don Horsley is wise. He is gracious. He is sensible. He cares. As he leaves public service for what will likely be the last time, we wish him well. The teacher turned lawman turned community steward has devoted his life to the people he served. Lives have been saved and enriched by Don Horsley. Futures were created because he took a moment to offer a thought. We won't find his face chiseled onto a mountainside but Don Horsley's impact upon us all will last for decades. An overall quiet man, he roared on the field of public policy. Now his wife Elaine,

his children Matt, David, and Christine, and their families will have time of their own with Don. We relinquish him to their care with our thanks for a job exceedingly well done.

**SUPPORTING S. 198, DATA MAPPING TO SAVE MOMS' LIVES ACT
DECEMBER 14, 2022**

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of S. 198, Data Mapping to Save Moms' Lives Act, to require the Federal Communications Commission to incorporate data on maternal health outcomes into its broadband health maps.

Worldwide pregnant mothers experience health outcomes such as hypertension, preeclampsia, extreme nausea, and even maternal mortality. These health conditions impact the experiences of pregnant women, but for many women poor health outcomes don't end after pregnancy.

In Texas, there are 14 deaths per 100,000 live births, but where are these deaths occurring? Is there a common theme in maternal mortality in the state that could be mapped in order to study the issue further?

In the United States much of this data is tracked, but it is not mapped, which would assist in understanding which health outcomes are common in certain counties, states, and as a country.

The Mapping Broadband Health in America platform, which is operated by the FCC, allows users to visualize, overlay and analyze broadband and health data at the national, state and county levels.

The maps are an interactive experience, enabling detailed study of the intersection between connectivity and health for every county in the United States.

The resulting maps can be used by both public and private sectors, and local communities, to identify opportunities and gaps in connectivity and care.

It can help inform policy decisions, facilitate interagency coordination, encourage public/private partnerships and investment, and drive innovation, directing resources to areas with overlapping broadband and health needs.

In an effort to improve maternal health in the United States, we must be able to study the issue across the country on a county, state, and country wide level.

In 2020, 861 women died of maternal causes in the United States.

That's 861 women who planned on living full, healthy lives and planned on being parents to the children they carried for 9 long months.

That's 861 children who must grow up without their parent.

That's 861 families that are forever altered.

That's a medical system and society that has failed 861 women.

These numbers are heart breaking. With all the advances in technology and improvements in our healthcare system, health outcomes continuously get worse for women.

With the help of data mapping, researchers would have the opportunity to visualize the areas where maternal mortality is most preva-

lent in an effort to lower maternal mortality rates.

Data mapping would show the health outcomes that are common among expecting mothers on local, state, and country wide levels.

This would allow legislators to make policy decisions based on health outcomes. Also, medical professionals could seek treatments that improve the health outcomes of expecting mothers, and women could see where health outcomes are best for expecting mothers.

Women's health is an issue that is very near to my heart. With reproductive rights being stripped from us, maternal mortality at an all-time high, and violence against women that has surged since the pandemic started, there is growing concern that women's health will continue to suffer on a massive scale.

We must take action to protect not only ourselves, but also future generations of women who deserve the right to high quality medical care.

S. 198, Data Mapping to Save Moms' Lives Act, is important because it would accelerate improvements in the health of moms in the United States. This bill directly impacts the health of women and their families.

I know that this bill is important to my constituents in Houston. Improving the birthing experience for these women is a top priority to me.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting this critical bill that will direct the FCC to incorporate data on maternal health outcomes into its broadband health maps.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACT 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BURGESS OWENS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, this year marks the 30th Anniversary of the Central Utah Project Completion Act, an absolute game changer for Utah's water conservancy efforts.

Our state is the fastest-growing economy per capita, and our population will double by 2065.

Historic drought is crippling states like Utah, which depend so heavily on our agriculture industry.

The Central Utah Project plays an integral role in efficient and innovative water use and conservation measures to meet the demands of our booming population and economy.

The project provides water for municipal and industrial use, irrigation, hydroelectric power, fish and wildlife conservation, and improved flood control.

Since the Central Utah Project Completion Act became law 30 years ago, the Central Utah Project has ramped up water delivery to a million and a half Utahns daily.

This remarkable accomplishment would not have been possible without the tireless work of Utahns.

I will take this time to recognize a few of the extraordinary individuals who made invaluable contributions to the success of the Central Utah Project:

Gene Shawcroft,

Marcus Faust,
Chris Hansen,
Olivia Sanford.

I am committed to working hand in hand with local, state, and federal partners to ensure Utah remains on the right track.

To all of Utah, Congratulations on this remarkable milestone.

HONORING LISA MCINTIRE

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lisa McIntire of the Pregnancy Care Center in Springfield, MO.

Lisa McIntire, CPA, became the Executive Director of the Pregnancy Care Center in 2016. After 15 years as a healthcare consultant with BKD, LLP (now FORVIS), Lisa entered PCC with fresh eyes and a commitment to build upon the foundation established during PCC's first 16 years of operation. Lisa has led PCC with wisdom and compassion while building a team of dedicated professionals. She has made it her personal mission to live, serve, and lead well, a mission she carries out each day at PCC.

Pregnancy Care Center is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) whose mission is to save lives and strengthen families. They exist to offer hope and help to those facing unplanned pregnancy and practical knowledge and skills to anyone wanting to become a better parent. They serve women and men, many of whom are at-risk youth, with a compassionate, professional, confidential approach. PCC offers pregnancy testing, limited obstetric ultrasounds, male and female coaching, and more than 100 classes—all offered at no cost to clients, thanks to community partners who fund more than 90 percent of PCC's annual operating budget.

Under Lisa's leadership as Executive Director, PCC has experienced a 46 percent increase in unique clients and a 44 percent increase in services provided to clients; hired a Fatherhood Director and grew the program from serving 48 men in 2017 to a projected 500 men in 2022; was named the Nonprofit Organization of the Year (Medium Division) at the Southwest Missouri Nonprofit Excellence Awards in 2019; received national accreditation from the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) in 2019; was named Great Game of Business National All-Star Champion for social sectors in 2020; became debt free when PCC paid off its mortgage in 2022; and was named Springfield Business Journal's Charitable Nonprofit of the Year in 2022.

As Executive Director, Lisa acts as a major liaison between the ministry and the community and has the full responsibility for the administration and management of the staff, volunteers, and medical professionals. In partnership with the Board of Directors, Lisa develops the vision, mission, and strategies for the ministry, works with the Board in achieving management objectives, and manages the programs of the ministry.

Madam Speaker, I commend Lisa for her countless efforts in this noble cause, and wish her continued success.

HONORING DR. BOBBY KALOTEE

HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. SUOZZI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Bobby Kalotee. Dr. Bobby Kalotee is a hardworking and dedicated individual who has grown from humble beginnings as an immigrant to a respected civic leader and proud United States citizen who epitomizes the American dream. Bobby has served the people of Nassau County, Long Island, and New York State over the past four decades as the Chairman of various political parties, a community activist, and an ambassador on overseas missions of charitable work. Dr. Kalotee believes that serving others is a true honor, devoting time to build a healthy, peaceful, and prosperous world community. He is relentless in his quest to help people address their problems and concerns, regardless of origin or social status.

Dr. Kalotee was appointed to Nassau County Human Rights Commission in 2016 by a unanimous vote of the Nassau County legislature, and enthusiastically approved by the Nassau County Executive. Bobby is one of the longest serving Directors for Nassau University Medical Center. In addition, Bobby was appointed to Stony Brook University's Brookhaven National Labs from 1997 to 2007, as Director/Vice Chair of the Counsel. Dr. Kalotee also serves on the board of New York Institute of Technology where he received an honorary Doctorate in science in 2001. He was also the Chairman of Spartan Health Science University Saint Lucia where he received an Honorary Doctorate in Philosophy 2016.

Since 2005, Dr. Kalotee has served as the International Chairman of Friends for Good Health, a philanthropic organization that has sent teams of leading healthcare professionals to provide vital medical services in the world's most affected regions. On one recent such mission, Dr. Kalotee and his team served over 7,000 people in numerous cities across El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

Under the leadership of Dr. Kalotee, Friends for Good Health has expanded to a worldwide organization with Co-Chairs in over 127 countries. Dr. Kalotee has personally directed missions in providing disaster aid to El Salvador, Malawi, Haiti, India, Pakistan, the Dominican Republic and others.

Dr. Kalotee has always been very active in civic, social, charitable, and political life, believing that politics is not a spectator sport but requires proactive participation and advocacy, and that voting in an informed and educated manner is a privilege and the civic duty of every responsible citizen. He has served as Chairman of the Nassau County Independence Party, Vice-Chairman of New York State Independence Party, and National Executive Director of the Independence Party of America. He was a National Chairman of the Reform Party from 2007 to 2010.

Dr. Kalotee holds the rank of Major in the New York State Guard, Division of Military and Naval Affairs and as a General in the U.S. Disaster Relief Command. He was appointed as a special liaison to South Asia by the President of Malawi, the Hon. Joyce Banda, and currently serves as a special advisor

to the Grenada Mission at the UN Mission. As the Chairman of the Human Rights Commission, Dr. Kalotee has the privilege to personally witness many local, state, and worldwide elections and has been invited to attend inaugurations of several heads of state all over the world.

Dr. Kalotee believes that serving others is both a commitment and a passion for humanity and that one must devote countless time in order to achieve a healthy, peaceful and prosperous world community.

Dr. Kalotee was a guest speaker several times at the United Nations General Assembly in New York and in Geneva, speaking on issues of education and health to the world community. His life experience of responsibility and understanding the importance of a better tomorrow was evident in his messages.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Kalotee has played an instrumental role in helping to combat the virus with leaders around the world, working with doctors, nurses, first responders, support staff and political leaders to formulate plans to keep communities safe—locally, nationally and internationally. He spearheaded efforts to provide thousands of face masks, shields, gloves, and temperature and mask-sensing kiosks which were delivered to hospitals, schools, and nursing homes at no cost.

Above all, Bobby responds time and again to an innate need to serve. He believes that protecting others is the greatest reward an individual or organization can achieve, and his organization's motto is that "There is no better gift one can give to humanity than good health."

I thank Bobby for his kindness.

RECOGNIZING U.S. SPACE FORCE
MAJOR MARK CRIMM

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of U.S. Space Force Major Mark Crimm, who served as my 2022 Defense Fellow. Major Crimm, call sign Reaper, has been an integral part of my office, helping constituents and veterans in Colorado's 5th Congressional District.

Major Crimm is a decorated warfighter, expert Guardian, and has been essential in developing national defense policies and legislation, especially in military space. Reaper assisted with House Armed Services Committee hearings and mark-ups and provided invaluable support developing the FY2023 National Defense Authorization Act.

Major Crimm is originally from Wyoming and is married to Elyse, a Colorado native, who also serves in the U.S. Space Force. They have a newborn daughter, Lexington.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in Congress to join me in thanking U.S. Space Force Major Mark Crimm for serving our Nation, my office, and many grateful constituents.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF LEO VIRGINIUS WILLIAMS, JR.

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Leo Virginus Williams, Jr.

Born on April 14, 1926, to the late Bessie and Leo V. Williams, Sr., Leo Williams was a Norfolk native and a 1943 graduate of Booker T. Washington High School. He was also a 1951 graduate of Norfolk Division of Virginia State College, a 1953 graduate of Virginia State University, and a 1963 graduate of the University of Virginia.

Mr. Williams served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946 as a Pharmacist Mate Third Class before beginning college. He was among the first African Americans in the U.S. Navy to serve in the Medical Corps and among the first African Americans to receive a graduate degree from the University of Virginia.

Following his graduation from Virginia State University, Mr. Williams began his career as an educator teaching math and business at Ruffner Middle School. He also served as the principal at Titustown, Robert E. Lee, and Oceanair Elementary Schools. Robert E. Lee was one of the first integrated schools for staff members in 1963, and Oceanair Elementary School was one of the first to have an African American principal. Leo's calm spirit and commitment to educating our students demonstrated a level of excellence quickly noted by the community and his superiors.

From 1967 to 1969, Mr. Williams served as the Assistant Director of the Norfolk Model Cities Program as a representative from the Norfolk School Board. He was promoted to Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel in Norfolk Public Schools (NPS). With this promotion, he became the first African American to serve on the Urban Assistance Incentive Fund Advisory Committee appointed by Former Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr. In 1971, Mr. Williams became the Director of Pupil Personnel for the Norfolk School Board. He was also the first African American to serve in this role and was appointed to serve on the Urban Assistance Incentive Fund Advisory Committee by Former Governor Linwood Holton.

Mr. Williams retired in 1995 with more than 40 years of service to NPS. In 1998, he became an adjunct professor at Norfolk State University, where he taught school law and school community relations at the graduate level. In 2010, he returned to Norfolk Public Schools, where he remained until 2016. He retired again in 2016 at the tender age of 90 after years of service to our community.

Mr. Williams' commitment to our children and improving our education system is inspiring. I am proud to honor and recognize his leadership and legacy. Coastal Virginia is a better place because of him.

HONORING RICHARD RUHE

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible career of Richard Ruhe. I

know him personally and you will not find a kinder, gentler or more professional and dedicated teacher than Richard. I'm excited to honor him with this CONGRESSIONAL RECORD today so that others can get to know the same man I do.

After beginning his teaching career in public school districts in Arizona, Arkansas, and Texas, Richard and his family moved to Missouri in 1991 when he accepted a position at my alma mater Greenwood Laboratory School on the campus of Missouri State University to teach instrumental music for grades 6–12. At that time, the high school band was comprised of a grand total of 3 students. Due to Richard's passion and dedication the music program at Greenwood grew exponentially over the course of his 25-plus years at Greenwood to include nearly the entirety of the secondary student body, year after year. The Greenwood band program became one of the strongest in the state, routinely winning national competitions against schools many times its size, and dozens of students achieved individual awards at the district and state levels.

While the success of the band program was absolutely phenomenal in terms of achievement, what really made it special was the sense of belonging, purpose, and acceptance so many students found within it. When Richard talks about his time at Greenwood now, while I know he's immensely proud of what the band program accomplished and all of his students' achievements over the years, he most often speaks about individual students as individual people and the time he spent getting to know them on hours-long bus rides to competitions, or when they'd pile into the band room between classes, at lunch, or after school to socialize with one another, or seek refuge from a hard day, in a place that felt safe. To so many students, he was an endlessly patient teacher, a mentor, a trusted advisor. It didn't matter how much inherent musical ability any given student had, they were part of the band's success, and they belonged in the band room. I know that is worth more to Richard than any of the trophies the band collected.

Madam Speaker, it is clear that Richard Ruhe has prioritized not only developing students' musical talents, but also forming them into young adults. His work with Greenwood Laboratory School is admirable.

RECOGNIZING KENNETH CHARLES
(K.C.) STOCK

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a remarkable man, Kenneth Charles (K.C.) Stock.

Born in 1938 in Oconto, WI, K.C. was the oldest of three children. He graduated from Oconto High School in 1956, and at the age of 19, K.C. began building houses and running a farm with Holstein cows which he raised for beef. Following two years at St. Norbert College in De Pere, K.C. left to begin working at Scanlan and Stock, after which he started his own pallet business in Oconto. K.C. was the bookkeeper, truck driver, purchasing agent, and had two employees at his small business.

In the midst of starting his own company, K.C. met and married the love of his life, Ms. Georgia Soulek.

While K.C.'s family expanded, so did his business. K.C. continued to grow his business operations and in 1971 he bought his first contractor yard, Scanlan and Stock, the same yard where he started his career years earlier. K.C. renamed the company Stock Lumber and would grow the company across the Midwest, opening locations in Green Bay, Appleton, Princeton, Fond Du Lac, Stevens Point, Sussex, Delavan, Windsor, La Crosse, Eagan, and Rochester. K.C.'s entrepreneurial spirit was evident in all that he did from Stock Lumber to his ownership of Cruiser Yachts in Oconto, Wisconsin. He built lasting businesses that granted many members of Northeast Wisconsin stable, family-supporting jobs.

As his business grew, so did his efforts to give back to his community. In 1991, he founded the K.C. Stock Foundation which played an instrumental role in funding the Children's Hospital in Northeast Wisconsin at St. Vincent Hospital to ensure that many families would not need to travel across the state for treatment. In recognition of his leadership in the community, K.C. was awarded the 1999 Free Enterprise Award presented by the Rotary Club of Green Bay. It is evident through his numerous accolades that KC left a lasting impact and influence on his family, friends, employees, and our entire community. I wish to thank K.C. for his lifelong dedication to our community and I offer my sincere condolences to his family and friends during this time.

Madam Speaker, the people of Northeast Wisconsin thank K.C. Stock for his immeasurable dedication and commitment to his community. My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Georgia, their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and to all of the lives he touched throughout our country.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF RONALD W. LASCH

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to note the passing of Ron Lasch.

Ron was a friend and advisor to me and hundreds of other Members of both parties during his 42-year career as a Floor Assistant in this body.

Ron came to the House as a 16 year old Page in 1958 when Joe Martin was the Republican Leader. He graduated from the Capitol Page School in 1960 alongside other men with long careers in the House, such as former Representative Jim Kolbe, who also passed away just days ago, and the late Donald K. Anderson, former Clerk of the House.

As a Floor Assistant, Ron monitored the proceedings on the floor and advised Members on scheduling and procedure. He valued the rules and traditions of the House, and more than once, privately talked a Member out of heated words that, spoken in anger, would likely be ruled out of order.

Ron retired in 2000, so there is a dwindling number of current Members who knew him, but at the time of his retirement, many of my

colleagues paid tribute to his judgement and dedication. His impact, behind the scenes, was immense. He was a mentor not only to Members, but to other people who staffed the floor, particularly the many Pages who have come and gone over the years.

Ron was born a year after Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1942, and died on November 14, 2022. His classmate, Congressman Jim Kolbe, died days later on December 3rd. Donn Anderson died July 30, 2020. I am personally grateful for the service of these three men of the House.

Madam Speaker, I include in the Record a statement from the Honorable Robert E. Bauman, one of Ron's colleagues on the staff here who later represented the First District of Maryland in the House.

IN MEMORIAM—RONALD W. LASCH

THE HONORABLE ROBERT E. BAUMAN, FIRST DISTRICT, MARYLAND (1973–1981)

Owen Lovejoy, a member of the House from Illinois (1857–1864), was close to President Abraham Lincoln, who called him “my most generous friend.” On an obelisk in Princeton, Illinois, in his honor are the words of Lincoln: “Let him have his marble monument along with the well assured and more enduring one in the hearts of all those who love Liberty unselfishly and for all.”

Indeed, Lincoln was correct; true friendship is a matter of the heart. Ron Lasch was my friend, and a respected friend to many on Capitol Hill during the 37 years he served on the House Republican floor staff.

He started his 42-year House career as a Page in 1958, sponsored by Representative William B. Widnall of New Jersey. In 1963, he was named as telephone clerk in the House Republican Cloakroom. Ron joined me there where I was also a phone clerk.

On November 22, 1963, a Friday, the House had adjourned when news of President Kennedy's death in Dallas came over the news tickers in the House Lobby. Ron and I were flooded with anxious calls to the cloakroom.

It is no exaggeration to say that Ron Lasch made possible my elective career to the Maryland State Senate and to Congress. He did so by working the cloakroom phones countless late days, allowing me to go to night school and obtain degrees from Georgetown University foreign service and law schools.

As manager of the Republican Cloakroom, he knew intimately party positions and floor developments and became a trusted source of information for Members and their staffs. He mentored many Pages over the years and was a graduate of the Capitol Page School in the Library of Congress.

In 1968, after I resigned and returned to my home on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Lasch became manager of the Republican Cloakroom, the official floor source of information for Republican Members.

As a private space for Member interaction, the cloakroom was ideally suited for Lasch to answer questions about pending legislation. He was a friend and protector of the gracious lady who for decades ran the cloakroom lunch counter, the late Helen Jones Winfield Sewell. When Ron retired in 2000, many House Members joined in paying him tributes.

Ron was trusted because of his vast knowledge of House parliamentary procedure and traditions. He understood the personal side of lawmaking, forging relationships with Members from both sides of the aisle. He was careful to respect House Members, remembering his staff role. But while he was a quiet, reserved presence, in private he had his own sardonic estimate of those he served.

Ron's role as Republican floor staffer expanded over the years, culminating in his

work as Floor Assistant to Speaker Newt Gingrich in 1995. In my opinion, Gingrich could have avoided many of his subsequent troubles had he taken Ron's advice about House rules.

My own daughter, Genie Eardley, a House Page (CPS Class of 1983), knew him well and called Ron “irreplaceable.” As Lincoln suggested, Ron's monument endures in the hearts of those who knew and respected “the gentleman from New Jersey.”

ESTEBAN E. TORRES POST OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 7832 to rename the post office located at 396 South California Avenue in West Covina, California after the late Congressman Esteban E. Torres, a long-time San Gabriel Valley legislator and beloved community leader.

A proud son of immigrants, Rep. Torres dedicated his life to serving his community, our nation in uniform, and working families across Eastern Los Angeles County. I proudly introduced this legislation with Rep. LINDA SÁNCHEZ so future generations will remember Rep. Torres' legacy and be inspired by his service to our region and nation.

Rep. Torres was born on January 27, 1930, in Miami, Arizona. Shortly after finishing high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army from 1949 to 1953 during the Korean War conflict and was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant first class.

After attending various institutions including, the Los Angeles Art Center, East Los Angeles College, and California State University Los Angeles, Rep. Torres was subsequently elected to serve California's 34th district. He represented the cities of Artesia, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, Pico Rivera, parts of Whittier, South El Monte, Industry, La Puente, Baldwin Park, and West Covina for 16 years in Congress. During his first five terms, Rep. Torres served on the House Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs and the Small Business Committees. In 1993, he was named to the powerful Appropriations Committee where he was responsible for delivering millions of dollars for public transit projects in Los Angeles County and throughout the State of California and advocating for U.S. policies that advanced democracies throughout the world. Rep. Torres also served as Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and as a Deputy Whip for the House's Democratic leadership.

Rep. Torres also was an accomplished artist. His art was featured in the Washingtonian Magazine, at numerous galleries throughout Los Angeles, and admired by his colleagues in Congress, friends, and family. Among his proudest accomplishments was being one of the founders, along with Supervisor Gloria Molina, of LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes, a world-renowned museum honoring the past, inspiring the future, and recognizing the cultural influence of Mexicans, Mexican Americans, and all Latinx in the greater Los Angeles community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to support H.R. 7832. Renaming the West Co-

vina Post Office in Rep. Torres' honor will be a small token of gratitude for his lifetime of dedication to his community and country.

HONORING MRS. KATHY J. THOMAS

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my district staffers, Mrs. Kathy J. Thomas. I met Kathy in 2019 and quickly brought her on staff as a Constituent Liaison in my Gulfport district office. During her tenure, Kathy has assisted nearly 3,000 constituents through casework with compassion and dedication.

Kathy grew up in West Virginia in the small town of Follansbee. In 1988, she graduated from Brooke High School, and shortly thereafter, she married her high school sweetheart, Mark. After their wedding, she and her new husband moved to Biloxi, MS, where he served in the United States Navy Seabees. Her grandfather, Kale E. Wells, served in the United States Navy during WWII. Kale would have been proud of her decision to marry Mark as he rose through the ranks to retire after serving 30 years as a Command Master Chief.

Kathy and her husband raised two beautiful, intelligent daughters, Taylor and Riley. Taylor graduated from Mississippi State and the University of South Alabama and works as a Labor and Delivery Nurse at USA Children's and Women's Hospital in Mobile, AL. Riley graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi and recently started a job at the DuBard School for Language Disorders in Hattiesburg, MS.

Kathy attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, earning an associate degree. Kathy volunteered for years as an ombudsman as her husband served and deployed with the United States Navy Seabees. While raising her daughters, she worked as a preschool teacher and assistant teacher. Her passion and dedication to helping others led her to work as a Congressional Liaison making a difference in the daily lives of the constituents of South Mississippi.

Kathy has been a valued, loyal, dedicated, and compassionate asset to my staff and me. I am grateful for her positivity and can-do attitude over the years. Madam Speaker, I am honored to express my gratitude to Mrs. Kathy Thomas for her service to Mississippi and my constituents.

COMMENDING DR. CHRISTA MARTIN FOR HER SELFLESS SERVICE TO HER COMMUNITY AND THE GREAT STATE OF TENNESSEE

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of Dr. Christa Martin of Columbia, Tennessee.

Christa Martin exemplifies the volunteer spirit. She was born and raised in Maury County and continues to serve the community she cherishes so deeply. Growing up on a farm instilled in Dr. Martin the three main focuses of her life: education, public service, and faith. Through her humble beginnings, Dr. Martin said she learned from her surroundings, “the farm . . . the road . . . and the community,” and believes, “you didn’t have to have letters behind your name to be educated.”

Through various chapters of learning, Dr. Martin has never stalled in her intellectual journey. She graduated from Columbia State Community College in 1975 with a degree in Data Processing. A year later, she received a Master of Science in Computer Information Systems from Middle Tennessee State University. She then received a doctorate of Higher Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

Dr. Martin not only earned her degrees from these institutions, but also chose to give back. From 1979 to 2003, she worked in the Computer Science Department at Columbia State Community College. Since 2003, Dr. Martin has worked in a promoted role as an Assistant to the President, specializing in Access and Diversity.

Dr. Martin has also served her community well. She served on the Columbia City Council for over 22 years and is finishing her last term as the Vice Mayor of Columbia, where she is the first African American female to hold that position. Dr. Martin also serves on the Board of Directors for Columbia Power & Water, Blood Assurance, and Public Entity Partners. She serves non-profit organizations such as the Boys & Girls Club of South-Central Tennessee, Columbia Miracle League, Maury County NAACP, and many more.

Dr. Martin continues to be involved at New Smyrna Cumberland Presbyterian Church as a teacher, missionary, clerk, elder, and choir member.

Dr. Martin is a pillar of the community who is dedicated to leaving it a better place than she found it. Her life shows how passion and commitment can create a causal chain that benefits whole cities, counties, and, indeed, the state. I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging this great American’s unwavering devotion toward education, her community, and her faith.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JULIA REICHERT

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Julia Reichert, an Academy Award winning documentarian from my district in Southwest Ohio. Julia passed away earlier this month at her home in Yellow Springs after a battle with cancer. I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to her life and legacy.

Julia came to the Miami Valley to attend college and eventually settled there where she would spend the next 50 years producing films and documentaries that challenged viewers’ preconceptions on gender, class, race, and economics. Julia debuted her first documen-

tary, *Growing Up Female*, in 1971 and it is widely recognized as one of the first films from the Women’s liberation movement. The Library of Congress honored Julia’s work on *Growing Up Female* by selecting the film for preservation in the United States National Film Registry.

Julia would continue her passion and work in film making, receiving Oscar nominations in 1976, 1984, and 2010 before finally breaking through to win the 2020 Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature for her film, *American Factory*. Julia’s film captures the arrival of Fuyao, a Chinese glass manufacturer, that comes to the United States and reopens a shuttered GM plant in Moraine, Ohio, employing 2,000 workers in the Miami Valley. She captured the tumultuous journey between high-tech Chinese employers and working-class Americans with a creative style that showcases the stark contrasts in the two cultures, invoking empathy for both parties.

Her films and documentaries are not the only legacy that Julia will leave behind. As a professor of Film Production at Wright State University for the past 28 years, she influenced hundreds of lives in the classroom. Julia’s impact on the Miami Valley and her country will not soon be forgotten and her legacy as a storyteller, advocate, and teacher will live on for generations to come, both in her work and in the lives she touched.

HONORING JAMIE MILLER FOR HIS SERVICE TO MISSISSIPPI

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my former staff, Jamie Miller, for his dedication to the state of Mississippi.

Jamie was born in Gulfport, MS, and graduated from Gulfport High School. He has an associate degree from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, where he attended on a baseball scholarship, and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of South Mississippi in Hattiesburg. Jamie has been married to his wife, Kelli, for 25 years, and they have 3 children. Their oldest daughter, Maddison Miller Cuevas, is a University of Southern Mississippi graduate and lives in Birmingham, AL. Their second daughter, Carson Miller, attends Mississippi State University in Starkville, and their youngest son, Landon Miller, is a freshman at Stanford University.

Jamie began his career as a coastal ecologist working for the Department of Marine Resources in 1997. The City of Pascagoula hired him in 1999 as a planning coordinator and grant administrator, focused on downtown development and hazard mitigation. He worked his way to the position of Deputy City Manager before leaving for the private sector. After Katrina, Jamie worked with the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency to assist local communities with recovery efforts but joined Governor Haley Barbour’s Office of Recovery and Renewal in April 2006.

In 2011, Jamie joined my team, initially as the District Director but became Chief of Staff in my Washington, D.C. office. During his tenure, he worked to connect federal resources

and legislative solutions to South Mississippi communities, businesses, and individual constituents. Jamie participated in the drafting and the RESTORE Act, which paved the way for billions of dollars to be directed to the Gulf States for recovery from the Deep-Water Horizon Oil Spill. He also worked on National Flood Insurance Program, Defense, and Commercial Space policy.

Following his time as a federal employee, Jamie continued to serve the state of Mississippi. In 2013, Governor Bryant appointed Jamie as Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Marine resources. Then in 2018, Jamie received another Governor appointed leadership role as the Deputy Director of the Mississippi Development Agency. Jamie is currently the Chief Operations Officer at MDA and is responsible for all aspects of the agency’s administrative, technology, and financial divisions. Jamie directly coordinates the staff assigned to the administration of the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund.

Madam Speaker, it is with gratitude and appreciation that I honor this Mississippi native and my friend, Jamie Miller.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF WALT JORDAN

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am honored to salute the 40-year career of Walt Jordan, Vice President of Governmental Affairs for Oncor Electric Delivery, as he celebrates his well-deserved retirement at the end of December. This native Texan has made lasting impacts on one of our nations most critical industries and has played a key role in ensuring Texas continues to lead in energy innovation and delivery.

With his “can-do” spirit, genuine personality, and high-minded vision, Walt has been a trusted leader and a fierce advocate for common-sense energy policies not only in Texas but also in Washington, D.C. During his four decades with Oncor, the largest transmission and distribution electric utility in Texas, he brought his tremendous work ethic and commitment to excellence to every challenge his company and state encountered.

Heavily involved in the Texas utility industry since 1982, Walt made critical contributions to restructure the Texas electricity market, support renewable energy generation, and enhance infrastructure investments. With a “no task too big” approach, Walt shouldered a variety of responsibilities across his illustrious career and has made lasting impacts on this critical industry for the next generation of Texans.

Retirement is meant to be celebrated and enjoyed. It is not the end of a career, but the beginning of a new adventure. It is my honor to recognize the service of Walt Jordan as he starts this new chapter of his life alongside his beloved wife Kim and son Luke. On behalf of Central Texas, I thank him for his superb work and wish him the very best.

HONORING MONICA RICHARDSON

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Monica R. Richardson, executive editor of the Miami Herald. Richardson, who is the first black person to serve in this role in the publication's 117 year history. She also oversees el Nuevo Herald and the Bradenton Herald, and serves as McClatchy's Florida regional editor. Ms. Richardson is the recipient of the 2022 5000 Role Models of Excellence Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breaking the Glass Ceiling Award.

Her historic January 1, 2021 appointment as executive editor was made during a critical period in American history when, in the aftermath of the cruel and senseless murder of George Floyd, millions of people across the nation experienced a racial reckoning that led to cries for diversity, equity, and inclusion in all facets of life. Nearly 6 months after Mr. Floyd's death, she received a racist email from a reader that included derogatory and misogynistic slurs targeting her. Rather than sweep it under the rug, Richardson chose to address the email in a column and open a dialogue with Miami. "Miami, who are we in times of challenge? Who are we right now? How are you using your voice?" she wrote.

A native of Charlottesville, Virginia, Richardson is a seasoned journalist and editor. Over the course of her 30-year career, she has worked at the Charlottesville Observer, Florida Times-Union, and the Lexington Herald-Leader. She joined McClatchy after spending 15 years at the Atlanta Journal-Constitution as the newspaper's digital managing editor and senior managing editor. In a statement announcing Richardson's appointment as the Miami Herald's top editor, Kristin Roberts, McClatchy's senior vice president of news, praised her "strong record of leadership in local journalism at one the great metro newsrooms in the country."

Richardson has been a champion for diversity and inclusion in newsrooms. She has served as a leader for various journalism industry associations and as a juror to the national Pulitzer Prize board. A graduate of Old Dominion University, Richardson enjoys mentoring young journalists and seasoned professionals. She also is an advocate for foster care and adoption and adopted her daughter in 2014.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Monica Richardson for using her position as executive editor to give voice to stories that might otherwise not be told.

RECOGNIZING RON MARCHANT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ron Marchant, a public servant now retiring after 34 honorable years of service. Marchant's career exemplifies the best of North Texas and the heart of determination which binds all Texans. Prior to his time as an

elected official, Marchant received a degree in Religious Education from Southern Nazarene University which he used to pursue a career in marketing and teaching as well as endeavors in art and music. The community of Carrollton recognized Marchant's leadership and skill by electing him to the City Council of Carrollton from 1987 to 1992. In 1993, Marchant was elected as Justice of the Peace in Precinct 6 of Denton County, where he served until 2006.

Throughout those 13 years, Marchant dedicated himself to learning the problems which impacted the daily lives of the people of Denton County. He applied these years of experience to his career when he began as Precinct 2 Commissioner in Denton County in 2007. In this role, Marchant walked alongside citizens of North Texas for 16 years and assisted with many projects which transformed their lives. Marchant has successfully protected the liberties of Denton residents by maintaining low property taxes. He also dedicated himself to the expansion of mental health services and crucial resources which offer the people of Denton County food and housing. He provided comfort in times of turmoil by helping open vaccination clinics at Texas Motor Speedway which would administer over 300,000 individuals their COVID-19 vaccines. Marchant deeply values his experience in organizing the employee wellness clinic which facilitates affordable services for employees and retirees and decreases their risk of long-term illness. Marchant also served on many boards and committees, including the Metrocrest Hospital Authority, the Denton County Environmental Task Force, and the Denton County Health Advisory Board.

In both his career and personal life, Marchant has dedicated himself to future generations of Texans. Starting in 2004, Marchant acted as the Carrollton Christian Academy Mock Trial coach, instructing students, and providing them access to his detailed knowledge of trial procedures and preparing them for success. He also prioritizes his time with his children and grandchildren and plans to continue his advocacy for Denton County in the interest of creating a strong and thriving community for the next generation. Marchant's advocacy for the people of Denton County has had a profound impact on the entire region and improved the quality of life for countless individuals in North Texas. I thank Ron Marchant for his years of public service and excellence in the role of Commissioner. I, along with the rest of North Texas, wish to follow his example and cultivate his legacy of selflessness and competence. I congratulate him on his retirement.

HONORING SENATOR RICHARD BARR FOR 28 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and colleague Senator RICHARD BARR for 28 years of public service to the people of North Carolina.

After earning his bachelor's degree from Wake Forest in 1978, Senator BARR first

worked as a businessman in the wholesale commercial products field. In 1995, he began his career in public service as the representative for North Carolina's Fifth Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served on Energy and Commerce Committee, the Intelligence Committee, and the International Relations Committee. After five consecutive terms in the House, he was elected to represent North Carolina in the U.S. Senate for three consecutive terms in 2004, 2010, and 2016. Senator BARR will retire from Congress at the end of his term as the Ranking Member of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pension Committee. In the Senate, he also currently serves as a senior member of the Select Committee on Intelligence and as a member of both the Committee on Finance and the Special Committee on Aging. Perhaps most impressively, he previously held the position of Chairman on the Select Committee on Intelligence.

Senator BARR is one of the most consequential senators to ever represent North Carolina. His outstanding leadership was essential in ushering through many pieces of landmark legislation, including but not limited to the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPA), the Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act, the Stephen Beck, Jr. Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act, the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Reauthorization Act, and the Great American Outdoors Act.

I would like to extend my most heartfelt appreciation to Senator BARR for his many years of dedicated service to North Carolina and our nation. Through his exceptional leadership and initiative, he has set an excellent example for all in public service to emulate. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve and represent the people of North Carolina by his side. On a personal note, since we first met at a Republican dinner in North Carolina in 1996, Senator BARR has been an inspiration, a mentor, and a friend. I am a better person and a better representative today because of his example and influence. I know I speak for our entire community in wishing he and his beloved wife, Brooke, continued success and happiness in retirement.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring and congratulating Senator RICHARD BARR for his exemplary service and unwavering commitment to North Carolina and our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, on December 13th, I was speaking with constituents and unintentionally missed the vote on Roll Call No. 519, the Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to the Quantum Computing Cybersecurity Preparedness Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 519.

THANKING MR. EVERETT COLEMAN FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Mr. Everett Coleman for his many years of service to the United States Congress and congratulate him on his retirement.

A Navy veteran, Everett served our country in uniform before serving as a civilian. For the last 14 years, Everett has served as a crucial member of the House Armed Services Committee's staff.

Everett's contributions to this committee and the country's national security have been immeasurable. He has worked countless hours, whether late at night or on weekends, to keep the committee running and prepared to fulfil its duties. As the lead for the committee's technology, Everett has served the over 60 members and 70 staff throughout the years with distinction. The Armed Services Committee would not have functioned without him. I can say unequivocally that the committee would not have passed consecutive National Defense Authorizations Acts (NDAA's) each year without the tireless work and support of Everett.

Since 2007, Everett has kept the committee on track. Everett's role on the committee has not been easy. I suspect that no one on staff has ever called to let him know that the network was operating properly and that all the systems were okay. Rather, Everett has stepped up to make last minute fixes to ensure that a hearing started on time and dropped everything to ensure staff had the ability to communicate while abroad. Everett was also instrumental in moving the committee to an all-digital process for the markup of the NDAA. Further, as the Congress grappled with how to safely continue operations during the COVID-19 pandemic, Everett played a critical role to ensure the Armed Services Committee continued to be able to communicate, access data, and most importantly, meet and conduct effective oversight, ensuring the enactment of consecutive annual NDAA's.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the House Armed Services Committee, I extend our deepest appreciation to Everett for his dedicated service to the committee, the Congress, and the military and civilian personnel of the Armed Forces. We wish him well as he leaves the committee to enjoy his well-earned retirement.

TRIBUTE TO JAMIE BERRY ON HER LIFE AND WORK

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of my constituent

and friend Jamie Berry, who died on November 9, 2022, after a valiant two-year battle with ALS. After exchanging many letters with Jamie, I had the privilege of meeting her on October 6, 2022, at her home in San Jose, California. Her mother, a fierce protector and loving caregiver, asked me to visit Jamie who was by then unable to leave her home. I found a beautiful woman unable to move, but who had a clear voice to tell me her hopes, fears and dreams. Jamie was a great inspiration to me, and she knew that I would continue her work to raise funds for the treatment and a cure for ALS.

Jamie was diagnosed with ALS in 2020. Prior to her diagnosis, she excelled in her sales career, helped run her family's business, and loved to ride ATVs and camp at her family's ranch near the Almaden Quicksilver mines. After her diagnosis, she put all of her energy and determination into her advocacy for ALS patients and their families. Through her superb leadership, infectious humor and kind heart, she recruited a large group of friends from across the country to help her advocate for ALS patients. During my Health Subcommittee hearing on the ACT for ALS legislation on November 4, 2021, I quoted Jamie:

"With ALS, a piece of you dies every single day. We are simply asking for a fighting chance to live the lives we were meant to live."

Thanks to Jamie, the Act for ALS became law on December 23, 2021.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House to join me in extending our most sincere condolences to Jamie's family, especially her beloved husband Jason, her adored daughter Chloe, her devoted mother Deborah, her sister Lesha, and her many relatives and friends. Jamie was a fervent and effective advocate and her work will live on as a testament to her life of love and courage.

CELEBRATING THE GENEROSITY OF MR. RALPH ROTELLA

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the generosity of Ralph Rotella, owner of Discount Shoe Repair in Syracuse and driving force behind Ralph's Rescue Mission Shoe Drive.

In 2010, Ralph Rotella was inspired to start Ralph's Rescue Mission Shoe Drive after seeing a homeless person outside of his shop, walking in the cold with their toe sticking out. He made the decision to provide that person with a pair of usable shoes. From that day, Ralph began annually collecting, repairing, and donating shoes to the Syracuse Rescue Mission to help more people in need.

In Ralph's first year of operating the Shoe Drive, he donated less than 100 pairs of shoes. Each year since then, he has steadily expanded his operation, and in 2021, donated 37,370 pairs of shoes—one of the largest donations the Rescue Mission has ever received.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring Ralph Rotella for his determined efforts to aid underserved members of our Central New York community.

HONORING THE CAREER OF CONGRESSMAN KURT SCHRADER

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. BONAMICI. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the career of my colleague and neighboring Oregon delegation member, Congressman KURT SCHRADER. KURT's long career in public service started in Salem, where he served in both the Oregon House and Senate before being elected to Congress in 2008. KURT has always been known as a practical lawmaker who wants to get things done for the people of his district. As the sole veterinarian in Congress, KURT is a prominent voice in the work to end animal cruelty and advocated for bipartisan solutions to safeguard public health. KURT is also known for his leadership in fighting to uplift Oregon farmers. Through his service on the Agriculture Committee and in strengthening several farm bills, KURT has helped put Oregon's specialty crops in a place to compete and succeed.

I am particularly grateful to have partnered with KURT to hold our government accountable for its long and shameful history of separating Native American children from their families. KURT has thoughtfully led our work regarding the challenges around Chemawa Indian School in Salem, Oregon, and our efforts to provide oversight on whether the school can protect the well-being of its students and get them on a path to academic success. KURT has demanded answers from both Democratic and Republican Administrations and has not wavered from the fight to stand up for the students and their families.

KURT will depart with a strong legacy of serving his constituents and championing bipartisan legislative successes. I offer my best wishes to KURT, his wife, Susan, and his hard-working staff in Oregon and in Washington, D.C.

MEMORIALIZING JEAN MONNET

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am grateful, as Co-Chair of the Congressional French Caucus, to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Jean Monnet through the legislation I co-sponsored creating a commemorative work in Rock Creek Park to honor his international peace contributions.

Jean Monnet is often referred to as the "Father of Europe" for his role in initiating the dream for the European Union, which today is one of our largest trading partners. During World War II, Jean Monnet took up residence here in Washington, D.C., and contributed to the "Victory Program" with the United States, helping the allied powers retake his home country after its fall in 1940.

After the war, Jean Monnet worked tirelessly to integrate European nations with the United States, and create a lasting transatlantic cooperation. His diplomatic work led to the creation of the European Union.

Mr. Monnet spent his time in the United States appreciating the natural beauty of our country. He notably took daily walks through Rock Creek Park which he fondly referred to as “my park” in his memoirs. His personal connection to the park makes it a fitting location for a commemorative work in Washington. I join my colleagues in extending support for the legislation creating this new capital memorial.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CLOSE AGENCY LOOPHOLES TO THE JONES ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the “Close Agency Loopholes to the Jones Act,” which would close early 50 years of anti-Jones Act decisions, known as “letter rulings”, by U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

As chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness and having served as ranking member of the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation from 2013 to 2018, I am committed to rebuilding the U.S.-flagged fleet including international and Jones Act vessels. For nearly 50 years, Congress has stood idly by while federal regulators made bad decision after bad decision chipping away at the Jones Act, allowing foreign vessels paying poverty wages to take jobs from Americans working in our maritime industry. That stops today.

In December 2020, Congress enacted my amendment to the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act as section 9503 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) affirming that the application of the Constitution, laws, and civil and political jurisdiction of the United States to the Outer Continental Shelf also applies to non-mineral energy resources and exploring for, developing, producing, transporting, or transmitting such resources. As I stated in my remarks on September 24, 2020 (Congressional Record, Vol. 166, No. 166), Congress always intended U.S. law to apply to any form of exploration, development, production, transportation, and transmission of energy resources under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of 1953.

On January 25, 2021, President Biden’s first executive order (no.14005) after assuming office directed federal agencies to maximize the use of American mariners, American-built ships, and U.S.-flagged vessels under the Jones Act. In response to my amendment enacted in the FY12 NDAA, Customs and Border Protection issued a headquarters ruling letter “HQ H309186” on January 27, 2021, correctly holding that the transportation of “scour protection” materials from the Port of Providence, Rhode Island to a wind project on the Outer Continental Shelf off the southeast shore of Martha’s Vineyard is a coastwise activity under the Jones Act.

On March 17, 2021, the national trade association for the offshore wind industry sent a letter to the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection requesting that the agency withdraw HQ H309186. In this letter, the off-

shore wind industry mischaracterized my September 2020, remarks from the Congressional Record as somehow supporting its request that Customs and Border Protection withdraw the January 27, 2021, letter ruling. On March 25, 2021, Customs and Border Protection issued a revised headquarters ruling letter (HQ H317289) contradicting its January 2021 letter ruling and the President’s policy to allow foreign vessels to construct energy projects on the Outer Continental Shelf.

To be clear, my September 2020 remarks in the Congressional Record state that my amendment to Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act simply clarified that all forms of offshore energy development are indeed subject to the same U.S. laws that apply to the offshore oil and gas industry. That does not mean that I accept the validity of the many administrative loopholes to the Jones Act created by decades of bad letter rulings and poor enforcement by Customs and Border Protection. Rather, I have long held that many of the activities regulators have incorrectly allowed the offshore oil and gas industry to engage in using foreign-flagged vessels are clear violations of the plain text of the Jones Act and original Congressional intent.

It is now clear to me that the regulators at Customs and Border Protection are unwilling to fully implement the Jones Act, as directed by President Biden’s Executive Order 14005. My ‘Closing Agency Loopholes to the Jones Act’ would finally force federal regulators to enforce the law as Congress intended in 1920, maximizing job opportunities for American mariners, U.S.-flagged vessels, and domestic shipyard workers. In effect, my legislation would also compel Customs and Border Protection to implement the President’s stated policy by fully enforcing the Jones Act.

Madam Speaker, I encourage all members of the House to cosponsor this critical and long overdue legislation.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF BEVERLY LANE

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with Congressman JERRY MCNERNEY and Congressman MIKE THOMPSON to recognize the service of Beverly Lane as she retires from the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Board of Directors.

Beverly has been a strong advocate for Contra Costa residents and has worked tirelessly to help this community thrive. As former Mayor of Danville, she was committed to preserving open spaces and bolstering the town’s transportation system. Additionally, she spearheaded efforts to protect local sites of cultural and historical significance and to educate others about the Bay Area’s rich history through her work with a variety of organizations including the League of Women Voters (California), Central Contra Costa Transportation Authority, California League of Cities, the Oakland Museum of California History, the Contra Costa County Historical Society, and more. She is the author of four books on local history and led efforts to establish the Calaveras Ridge trail as well as an agricultural park in Danville.

Beverly has received extensive recognition for her outstanding public service, receiving the Association of Bay Area Governments Growing Smarter Together Award for Distinguished Leadership, Save Mount Diablo’s Mountain Star Award, Tri-Valley Hero and Woman of the Year, and many more.

Beverly joined the East Bay Regional Park District Board in 1994 representing Ward 6. During her time with EBRPD, she has worked to extend the Iron Horse Trail, establish the Sycamore Valley Open Space Park, and promoted a range of other projects to support our regional parks. Recently, Beverly has played a key role in the creation of Thurgood Marshall Regional Park—Home of the Port Chicago 50. Throughout her tenure with EBRPD, Beverly has continually advocated for improved access to parks and trails and shown her commitment to safeguarding Contra Costa’s environment and open spaces. Her dedication and service have helped to connect Contra Costa residents to nature within their own communities, encouraging a healthy lifestyle for all community members.

Please join me, Congressman MCNERNEY, and Congressman THOMPSON in congratulating Beverly on her well-deserved retirement after nearly four decades of service to Contra Costa County.

HONORING THE TSA EMPLOYEES AT LOUISVILLE MUHAMMAD ALI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of the TSA workers at Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport, and please understand, this is not a token acknowledgment.

I am about to wrap up a 16 year Congressional career in which I’ve flown from my home in Louisville to the Capitol and back around 40 weeks or so in a non-pandemic year. That’s about 1,120 flights, give or take.

I see these folks more than I see most of my colleagues. And it’s great. They’re friendly, they’re funny, they’re kind. If they obstruct, it’s with good reason.

Seriously, they’ve made these encounters a truly enjoyable part of my job. Yes, I’m talking about going through airport security. No easy task.

Of course, being nice for me to talk to is hardly the most important part of their jobs. They’re keeping us safe, our families, our community. Every single person who passes through Muhammad Ali International Airport is their responsibility, both to protect and to ensure is not a threat.

One week a year, 30,000 people pass through in just a few days for the Kentucky Derby, and each one requires attention from our TSA workers.

And people think airport security is stressful for them.

But if they get stressed, you’d never know it. You’ll get a friendly smile, a kind word, and maybe even a joke.

When I ran for Congress, I’ll be honest, I never thought about how much time I’d spend with the men and women of Louisville’s TSA. But now, it’s time I’ll never forget.

They are true public servants who've kept us safe and secure, and I thank them. I don't know where I'll be going in retirement, but I look forward to seeing them on the way there.

HONORING VENANCIO CHAVEZ

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional advocacy and service of community leader Venancio Chavez.

Born on May 18, 1962, in Hidalgo, Mexico, Mr. Chavez immigrated to Santa Ana, California, in 1986, where he soon became a community leader and advocate for educational equity in the Santa Ana Unified School District.

Mr. Chavez advocacy work was conducted through his membership with several Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs). As president of Garfield Elementary's PTA from 1995 to 1998, he worked for better safety and quality of life for the students and parents. He helped plant hedges that served a safety barrier and he also established a community garden.

His leadership continued as a member of the Villa Fundamental Junior High School PTA from 2001 to 2004. During this time, he advocated for equal opportunities for disadvantaged and disabled students. His advocacy led to the creation of the lottery system for incoming students for all fundamental high schools in the City of Santa Ana.

As PTA President at Century High School from 2004 to 2008, he increased parent attendance at PTA meetings by inspiring them to become more involved on campus. Additionally, he spearheaded efforts to create community yard sales to fundraise for the PTA. These efforts afforded the school a lighted marquee to provide seamless communication with parents.

One of his most lasting legacies is the founding of El Sol Science and Arts Academy, which opened in Santa Ana in 2001 with 1,000 students in preschool through eighth grade. El Sol Academy is a leading dual-immersion public charter school that offers an intensive academic instructional program that prepares students for high school and beyond. His goal of providing greater access to high education for Santa Ana's low-income families has been realized as El Sol students have gone on to attend the top colleges and universities throughout our nation.

Mr. Chavez continued his advocacy work with Orange Coast College as President of the school's Extended Opportunity and Services Program. In this position, Mr. Chavez endeavored to bring inclusivity within higher education by fostering community ties through campus engagement and provide students with equitable resources. Student and family engagement increased due to his efforts.

In 2012, Venancio Chavez graduated from Orange Coast College with his Associates degree, with a certificate in Special Education, and he later earned his certificate to become a veterinarian assistant. Mr. Chavez is a volunteer food distributor with Saddleback Church. He also supports the Ebelle Club of Santa Ana and has dedicated more than 25 years of service to the French Park Plaza Homeowners' Association Board of Directors.

Venancio Chavez is a dedicated man who strives to assist anyone who may need help. Through his advocacy and dedication to public service, Mr. Chavez has uplifted his local community and helped improve equity and access to higher education for school children in the City of Santa Ana.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the exceptional advocacy and service of community leader Venancio Chavez.

HONORING THE CAREER OF SHARI BUSH

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Shari Bush and congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement.

Shari is retiring after 21 years at Cypress Bay High School in Weston.

As the BRACE Advisor, Shari was instrumental in helping hundreds of students get accepted to some of the top schools in the country.

She was an invaluable source of higher education guidance for my own children.

Cypress Bay High School has 4,800 students, and 98 percent of them are on track for college.

Shari plays a huge role in that.

Shari is an expert in advising students to apply for scholarships, financial aid, and coach them through all of the stages of college application process, including what schools to apply to, filling out applications, writing essays, testing, and making those critical final decisions.

She traveled to universities throughout the U.S. and abroad and has been hosted at more than 50 college campuses.

Currently, Shari is a member of the Advisory Board for the University of Miami and Florida State University and is a member of the FBI Citizens Academy.

I wish Shari all the best as she moves into the next chapter of her life.

TRUTH CAN PREVAIL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I was grateful today to attend a presentation by Alex Epstein on Energy Opportunity where he fulfilled the introduction of being an "energy expert and philosopher, specializing in how to persuade people to see the truth about energy."

His message was a courageous clarion call of sanity in the midst of energy policy insanity.

Alex is author of two of the best-selling energy books of the last decade: *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* and *Fossil Future: Why Global Human Flourishing Requires More Oil, Coal, and Natural Gas—Not Less*.

The presentation was highlighted by common sense, real world, easily understood, thoughtful talking points such as "if Europe's

level of dependence on Russia for natural gas scares you, know this America is even more dependent on China" for components replacing fossil fuels.

His explanation of the lessons on energy policies not only revealed the fallacies of failed policies, but he offers positive solutions confirming being environmentally conscious.

Alex Epstein is a vital resource for Americans who understand the need for energy independence for jobs, national security, and fiscal sanity for American families.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF KATHY MOFFAT

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the exemplary life of Kathy Moffat. Born and raised in Lincoln, Nebraska, Kathy Moffat has lived her life leading with knowledge, experience, and community connection while serving the City of Orange, California, as an Orange Unified School District (OUSD) Trustee.

In her early years, she attended the University of Nebraska where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. After completing her higher education, she went on to pursue teaching education to the younger generation. She taught upper elementary grades for eight years in the states of Nebraska, Maryland, and Kansas before moving to California.

Kathy and her husband, Duncan, are parents of three grown children, who were all educated in OUSD K–12th grades, and grandparents of seven amazing grandchildren.

Devoted to education and to parent involvement, Kathy has served as a PTA member and leader on the local, state, and national levels for more than 35 years.

Kathy was first elected to the OUSD Board in 2001 in a recall election and then elected to a full term in 2002. She continued to serve on the board for nearly 22 years and has notably been re-elected 5 times.

Moffat's backing of strong academics has resulted in more student access and participation in Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) classes. Under Kathy's leadership, the district also started providing SAT testing to all interested high school students to decrease the financial burden on families in the City of Orange.

Kathy's community leadership roles include President of the Orange YMCA, Director on the Orange County School Boards Association, Director of the Leadership Orange Program of the Orange Chamber of Commerce, the Orange County Committee on School District Organization, and as an active member of her church.

Recent educational challenges have required dedicated leadership and strong guidance. Due to her impressive background and track record, Kathy Moffat has certainly met those challenges.

A champion of education, she has been a tireless advocate for the students and frequently visits school sites to support those in need. She is said to be one of the best friends' public educations has ever had.

Madam Speaker, it is my great privilege to honor this humble, hard-working woman. It is leaders like Kathy Moffat, who help make our country great by serving as role models to our children and to our communities.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, on December 8, 2022 I missed Roll Call Vote 515. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 515.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MICHAEL PUTNEY

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the illustrious career of Michael Putney, and congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement.

A veteran of the airwaves for more than half a century, Michael Putney's 33-year tenure at Local 10 News made him one of South Florida's most popular and trusted TV reporters.

Michael began his career in broadcast journalism in 1966 in Columbia, Missouri. After stops in Washington D.C., Los Angeles and New York, he came to South Florida and made it his home.

Throughout my own career in public office, there have been many changes in the ever-evolving media landscape, but Michael has been the one dependable constant.

Another certainty for any elected official was that, at some point, you would have to answer the tough but fair questions from "Putney."

Michael was doggedly devoted to accountability throughout his tenure at WPLG and our community is far better as a result that work.

Michael's superior reporting skills won him two Emmys. And the state Supreme Court saw fit to appoint him to Florida's Judicial Management Council.

I hope Michael and his wife enjoy their time together doing some of his favorite things: cooking, reading, tennis and traveling.

I will miss him in the press gaggles, and in the studio, but I wish him all the best as he begins the next, relaxing chapter of his life.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY CAREER OF COACH ART VENEGAS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of Coach Art Venegas.

Coach Venegas is regarded as the premier collegiate women and men's throwing coach in the Nation and is world-renowned for his coaching expertise with elite world champion athletes.

Born in Tepic, Mexico, Venegas moved to California when he was age 11. He entered the world of track and field while attending St. Genevieve High School in Panorama City, where he was a shot put and discus performer.

Following his 1970 high school graduation, Venegas became a standout at Cal State Northridge, where he was a four-year letterman in the hammer throw and earned Division II All-America honors in 1974.

Prior to his legendary career at UCLA, Venegas coached at Long Beach State (1980 to 81) and at his alma mater, Cal State Northridge (1976 to 79). At Long Beach State, Venegas coached Bill Green, hammer thrower and former U.S. record-holder (255-0), who placed fifth at the 1984 Olympics. He also coached 1984 Olympic Trials shot put finalist Mike Smith (64-10).

As an assistant, and later, as head coach at UCLA, his efforts contributed to 21 consecutive wins against the University of Southern California. He also led the UCLA Women's Indoor Track and Field team to its first National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) title in 2000, and to a consecutive NCAA title in 2001.

After 31 years of coaching at UCLA, Venegas contributed his time and talents to training the nation's top throwers at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, California.

Additionally, because of his expertise on throwing, he is a sought-after speaker and has delivered remarks to the 11th World Congress of the International Track and Field Coaches Association in Barcelona, Spain. In 1987, he

was the featured speaker at the International Amateur Athletic Federation European Coaching Congress. He has also worked with the British and Spanish national teams.

In recognition of his extraordinary career, Coach Venegas was inducted into the United States Track and Field Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2022.

Outside of work, Art Venegas is an honorable man who takes great pride in Hispanic Heritage. He is always willing to help younger coaches new to the game and especially see other minorities through the coaching ranks.

He is devoted to his wife, the former Marlene Estrada, and their two children, Jessica and Yvette.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in acknowledging the long career and accomplishments of Hall of Fame Coach Art Venegas.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 19

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the U.S. Capitol Police.

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